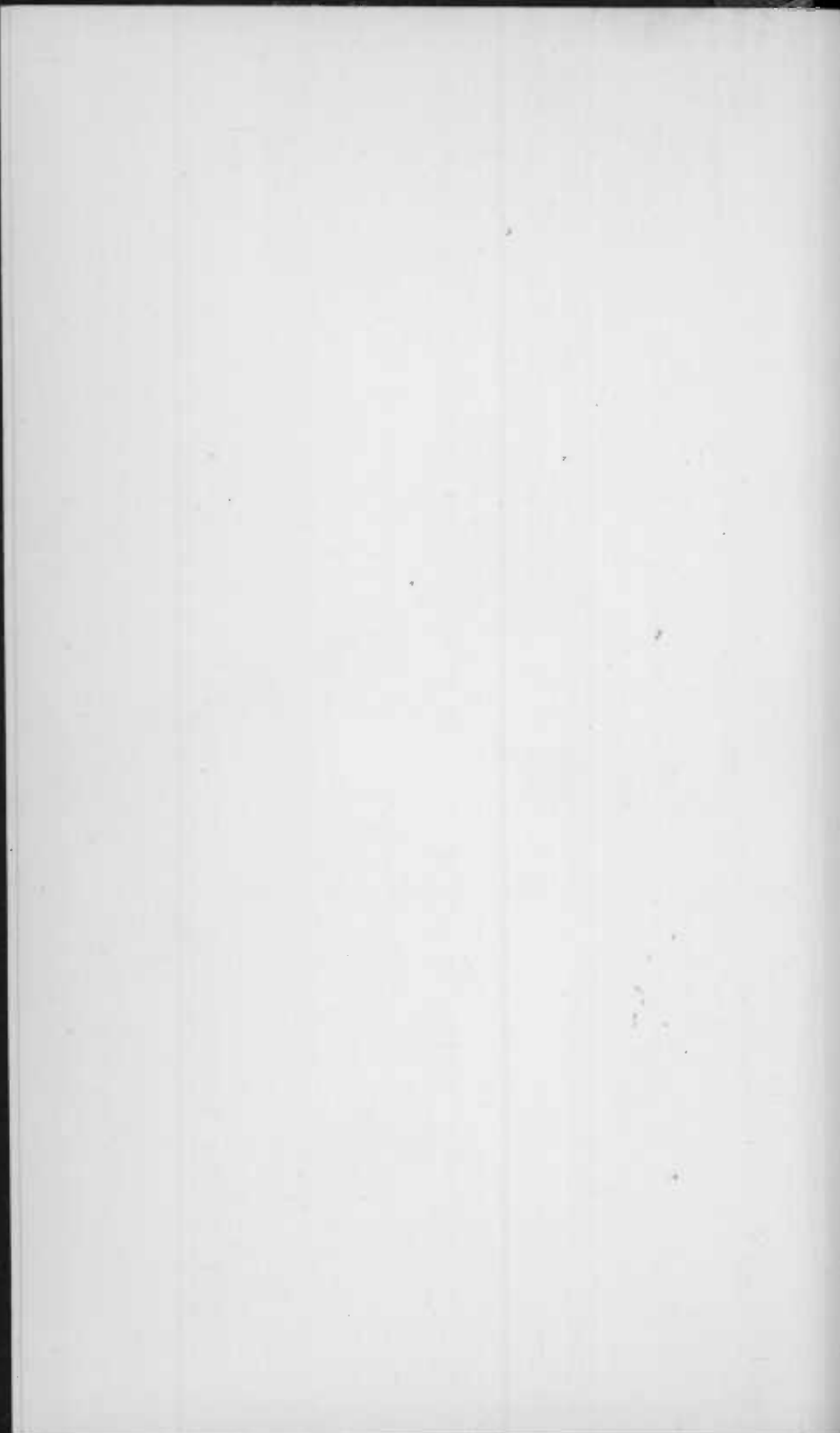


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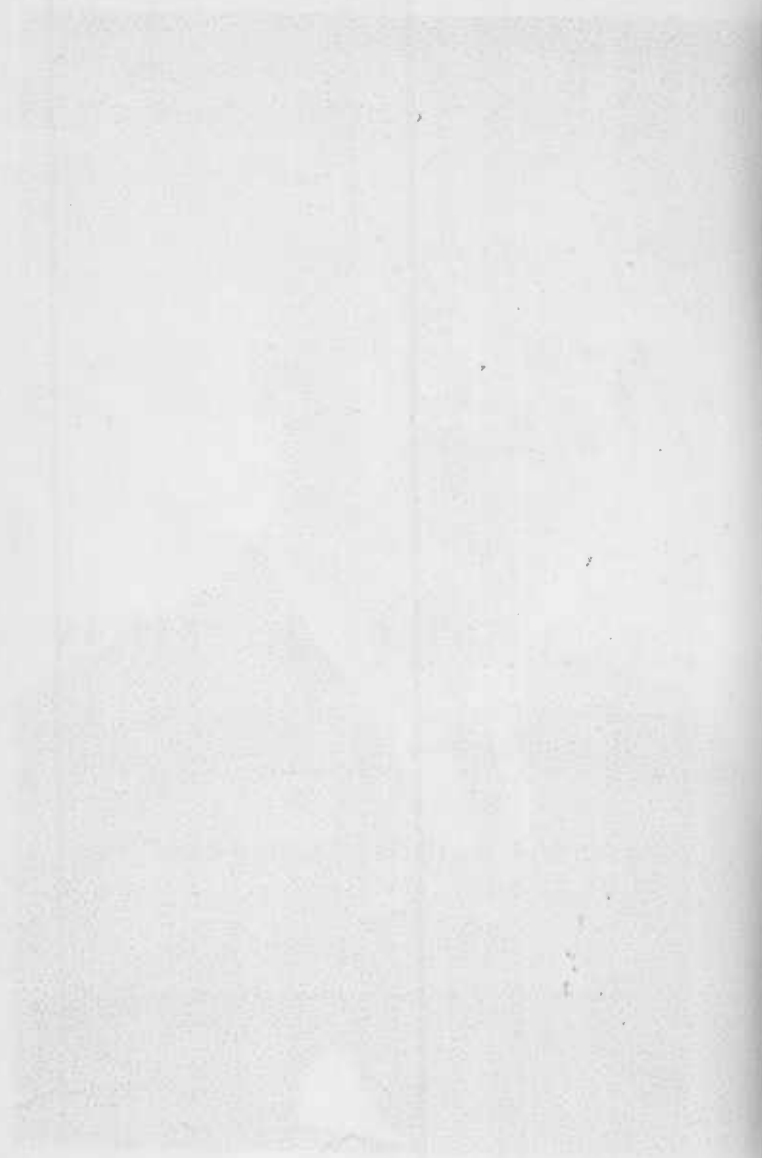
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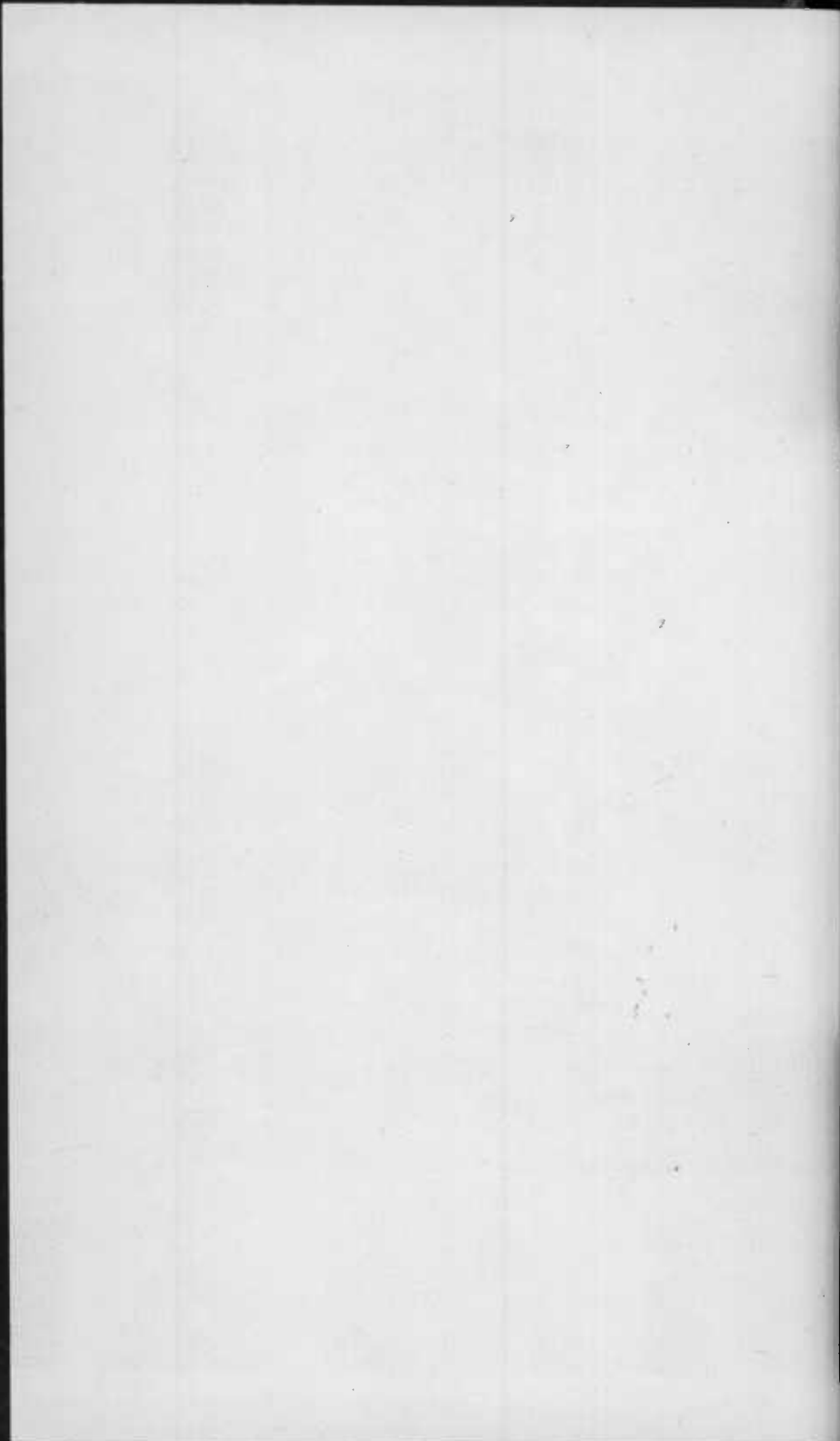
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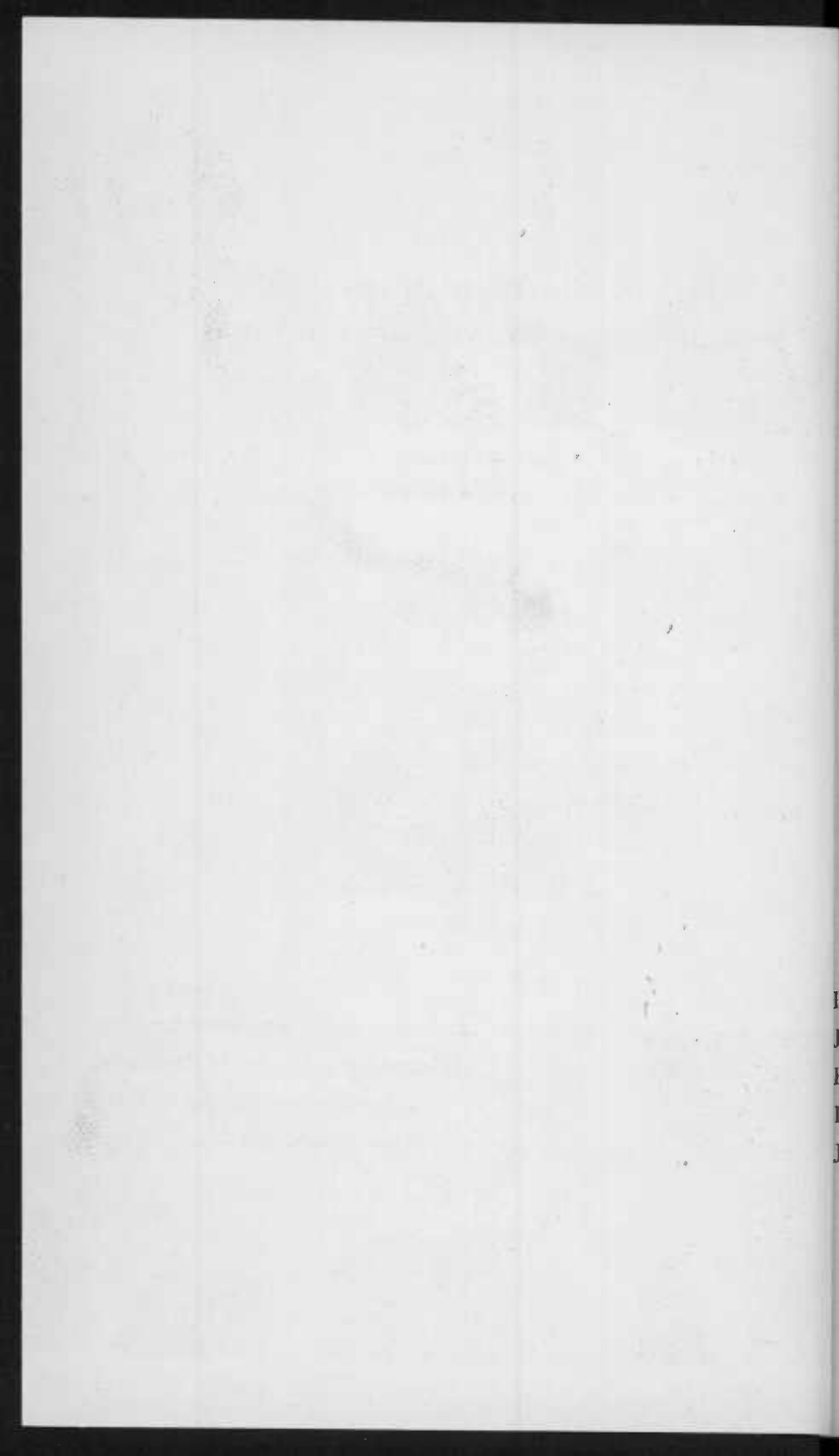
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The Honorable Members  
Board of Recreation and Parks  
City of Baltimore, Maryland

Gentlemen:

October 10, 1966

I transmit for your consideration the Annual Report of the Department of Recreation and Parks for the year ending December 31, 1965.

It has been pointed out in previous years in the Director's reports to your Honorable Board that this Department, its Board and Staff have, due to the very nature of our mission, always endeavored to keep abreast of the changing times by forward thinking, planning and growing as the City and its needs continually changed and progressed to keep pace with this modern age.

This report then representing, as it does, a full year of operation since I assumed the duties of Acting Director will, I am sure, reflect the fact that this policy has been continued. With the support of the Board and its members, individually and collectively, many matters which could have been problems were resolved, and advice and help were readily and freely available to me, for which I should like to express my gratitude.

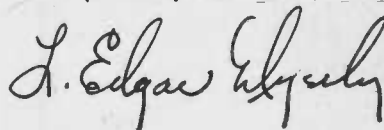
The Master Plan for Recreation and Parks, which the firm of Simonds and Simonds of Pittsburgh, Pa. were engaged to prepare, is progressing according to schedule and has already been of considerable help to us in the many areas which it encompasses.

Our school recreation center projects, in cooperation with the Department of Education, are keeping pace with the schedule of new schools to be built, and the Giraffe House at the Zoo is rapidly taking form. The Hippopotamus House, while it suffered a setback because of construction bids in excess of funds available, has been resolved, and I feel this can be rebid shortly and construction started.

I wish to thank Mayor Theodore R. McKeldin, 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, Department of Education, City Solicitor's Office, Planning Commission, Bureau of Highways and the Director of Public Works.

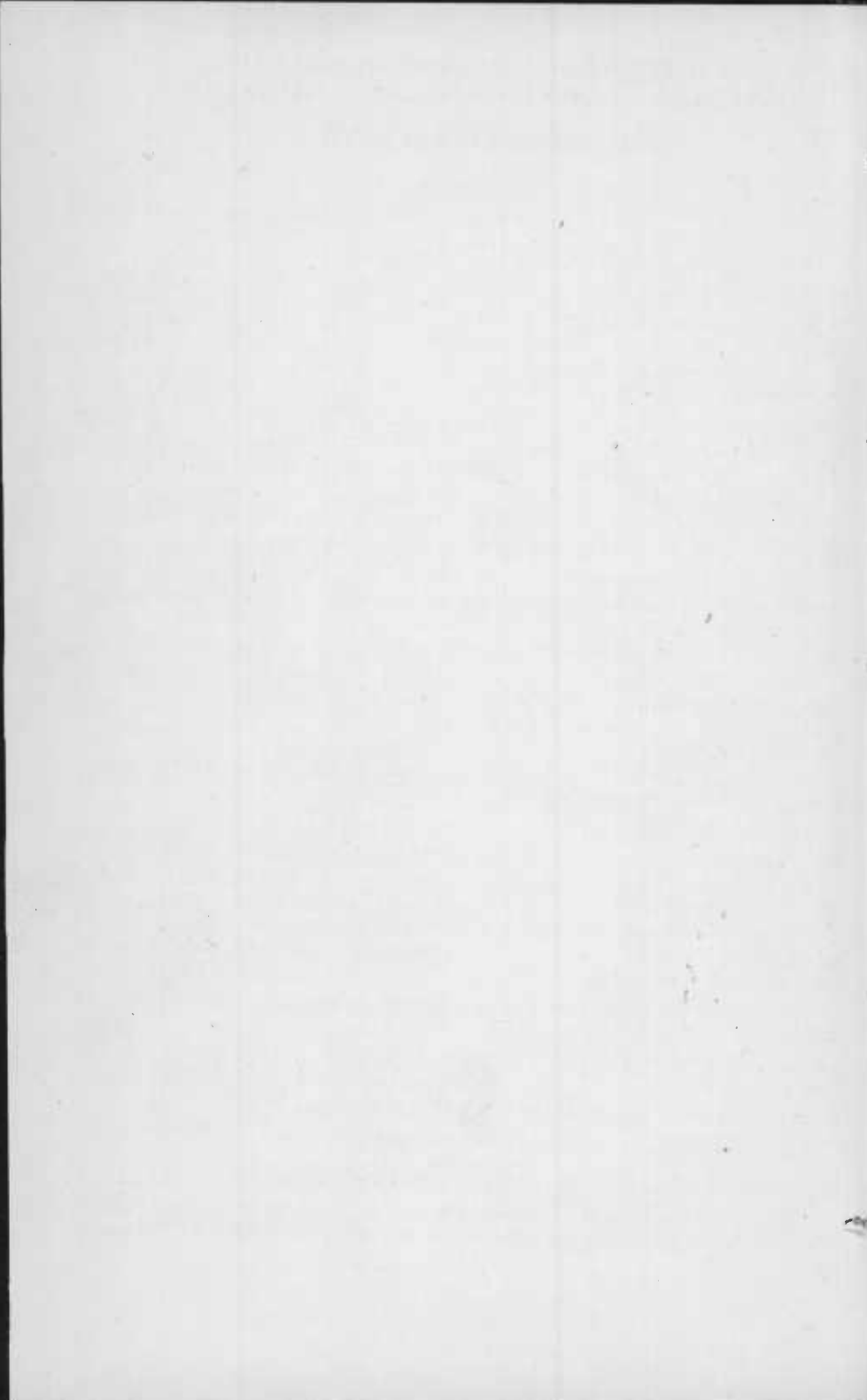
I also want to extend my thanks to all members of this Department who have so generously cooperated with me during my term as Acting Director, especially the Bureau Heads, Division Superintendents, our Engineer and our Executive Secretary, without whose support and efforts our accomplishments would not have been possible.

Respectfully submitted,



L. Edgar Myerly  
*Acting Director*





# DEPARTMENT OF RECREATION AND PARKS SECTION I—ADMINISTRATIVE DIVISION

## A. ADMINISTRATION OFFICE

L. EDGAR MYERLY ..... *Acting 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 eleven regular meetings during the year 1965. The Real Estate Committee, along with members of the staff, conducted eight tours of inspection.

Active Committees during the year were:

*Budget*—Charles H. Rosenbaum, Paul K. Hampshire and Joseph H. Rash  
*Real Estate*—Samuel Epstein, Mrs. M. Richmond Farring and Joseph H. Rash  
*Health & Welfare Council of the Baltimore Area*—Mrs. M. Richmond Farring  
*Board Representative Art Commission of Baltimore*—Mrs. M. Richmond Farring  
*Stadium Scoreboard Committee*—Joseph H. Rash, Paul K. Hampshire and Charles H. Rosenbaum  
*Committee on Rule 46*—Mrs. M. Richmond Farring, Charles H. Rosenbaum and Marshall W. Jones, Jr.  
*Committee for Position of Superintendent of Recreation*—Joseph H. Rash, Marshall W. Jones, Jr. and Charles H. Rosenbaum  
*Zoo Promotion*—Mrs. M. Richmond Farring

### 2. CONTRACTS

The following contracts were entered into by the Board of Recreation and Parks during the year 1965:

Annual Oriole Parking Lot Agreement

Drum Corps Contest—  
Hamilton Post #20—Stadium

Amateur Sports Federation and Cub Baseball Day—Stadium

Y.W.C.A. Day Camp—  
Druid Hill Park

Ballentine Golf Tournament—  
Pine Ridge

Baltimore Colts Annual  
Intra-Squad Game

Concession—Fort Smallwood  
Amusement Rides

Arnold Palmer Golf Match—  
Pine Ridge

Loyola—Calvert Hall  
Football Game

City—Poly  
Football Game

Watchtower Bible and Tract Society—Stadium

Peale Museum—  
Base, Washington Monument

### 3. PROPERTY ACQUISITIONS AND DELETIONS

Property holdings of this Department as of January 1, 1965 totaled 5771.95 acres. During 1965, 39.457 acres were added and 54.160 acres were deleted.

On December 31, 1965, property under the jurisdiction of this Department was 5757.25 acres divided as follows: Large Parks 4708.59; Small Parks (Less than 100 acres) 655.67; Playgrounds 211.26; Boulevard Streets 145.02; Odd Lots 36.71.

Details on the property acquired and deleted in 1965 are as follows:

**a. Acquired**

1. Agreement with Marvelite Paint Company, Lakeland, for us to use their property between the B&O Railroad and Nieman Avenue. This private property was improved by us for Little League activities with the understanding that the company would allow this activity for at least five years. If canceled by them sooner, the company is to reimburse us for cost of improvements not to exceed \$500.00. 1.51 acres.
2. Property known as 30-38 S. Poppleton Street shown as Lots 67-71 on Block Plat 236 as well as the alley in the rear of the properties purchased for the construction of a new school recreation center at James McHenry School #10, Hollins and Schroeder Streets, which is to be constructed at the same time as our recreation center. Cost of this property, including demolition, is \$31,170.85. .087 acres.
3. Property bounded by Georgetown and DeSota Roads, Letitia Avenue and Herkimer Street comprised of Lot Nos. 1 to 28, inclusive, and 30 to 43, inclusive, on Block Plat 7765; and Lot Nos. 6 to 18, inclusive, and 31 to 49, inclusive, on Block Plat 7766, including Wickes Avenue, and the alley running west from it, which have been closed. Purchased at a cost of \$33,550.00 for the construction of a playground urgently needed in this area. This is subject to Federal open-space land grant of 50% of the cost of the land and 50% of development cost. 6.03 acres.
4. This exchange of property between this Department and the Maryland Institute at Mount Royal Station located at Cathedral, Preston and Howard Streets and Mount Royal Avenue was to straighten out a property problem at this location which existed for many years. The B&O Railroad used several parcels of land owned by the City and the City in turn used several parcels owned by the Railroad. When the Maryland Institute purchased this property and wished to expand, they requested our Board to clear this up by a formal exchange of properties which would give each clear title. In the interest of clarity and brevity, reference is made to plat of S. J. Martinet & Company, surveyors and civil engineers, dated April 12, 1965, and Ordinance #660 of October 22, 1965. Parcels Nos. 6, 7 and 8 shown in green thereon were transferred to this Department and Parcels Nos. 1, 2 and 3 shown in red were transferred to the Maryland Institute.
5. With the approval of our Board, the Bureau of Highways turned over to this Department for maintenance only, median strip on Patapsco Avenue from James Street to Potee Street 3.77 acres and three islands at the intersection of Patapsco Avenue and Pennington Avenue .2 acres. 3.79 acres.
6. With the approval of our Board, the Bureau of Highways turned over to this Department for maintenance only, title still remaining in the Bureau of Highways, a piece of ground located at Waterview Avenue,

Potee Street and Hanover Street. The Bureau of Highways graded, top soiled and seeded this lot. 25 acres.

7. Property known as Market Place Park located at Lombard Street and Market Place turned over to this Department as a small square for maintenance only. 31'6" X 68'. .048 acres.

8. The Carroll-Caton Mansion which was a winter home of Charles Carroll, located at the corner of Front and Lombard Streets, (containing 9,350 sq. ft.) and ground were turned over to this Department as a part of a proposed park for the area. This is ours also for maintenance. Area of the building and ground 50' X 187'. .212 acres.

9. Piece of property of the B&O Railroad adjacent to Riverside Park, 10' X 320', was leased from the B&O Railroad for the development of our athletic area subject to cancelation by either party by 30 days notice. .074 acres.

10. Property located west of Ballymena Woolen Mills and south of Forest Park Avenue below the Dam, along both sides of Gwynns Falls Stream, given to us by the Ballymena Woolen Mills, Inc. as part of Stream Valley along Gwynns Falls Stream as an addition to Gwynns Falls Park. 2.256 acres.

11. Four parcels of property known as 1200-2-4-6 East Baltimore Street was purchased in connection with the enlargement of McKim Playground at a cost of \$57,000.00. Total area 151'4" X 104'. .45 acres.

#### **b. Deleted**

1. Sold to the Department of Education for school purposes for \$275,000.00 property located in Gwynns Falls Park, known as Oriole Gun Club site, lying north of Mount Olivet Cemetery and south of Baltimore Street. 52.2 acres.

2. Leased to the new South Baltimore General Hospital for joint use as a parking area in connection with the new hospital to be built on their property an area consisting of existing paved area which is a parking lot and adjacent paved road area which runs through the center of Broening Park in a north and south direction. 1.5 acres.

3. Property known as the Elm Avenue Tot Lot located in the rear of 3940-3958 Elm Avenue. Sold to St. Mary's Roland View Towers, Inc., who were building an apartment house in the southwest corner of Roland Avenue and 40th Street for elderly people. This property so acquired by them is to be used for their recreational activities. In the terms of the sale, it was sold only under the understanding that it would be used for this purpose explicitly. Sale price of \$5,500.00. .29 acres.

4. Play space located at 528-30 North Stockton Street turned over to BURHA since it was located in an urban renewal project (Harlem Park Project #2). We received reimbursement from BURHA. .03 acres.

5. Play space located at 804-10 North Vincent Street turned over to BURHA since it was located in an urban renewal project (Harlem Park Project #2). We received reimbursement from BURHA. .062 acres.

6. Play space located at 743-47 Alpaca Street and 742-46 Foundry Court turned over to BURHA since it was located in an urban renewal

project (Camden Industrial Park). We received reimbursement from BURHA. .078 acres.

#### 4. BOARD CHANGES

Dr. Frank C. Marino, President, resigned from the Board on March 9, 1965, stating he had reached the age of 70 and wished to be relieved of these responsibilities.

Mr. Samuel Hopkins was appointed by His Honor Mayor Theodore R. McKeldin to finish out the term of Dr. Marino on March 15, 1965. He was reappointed by Mayor McKeldin to a new six year term on June 14, 1966 to begin July 1, 1966.

Mr. Paul K. Hampshire was elected Vice President of the Board on April 15, 1966 replacing Mr. Irvin Kovens who then remained as a member of the Board until the expiration of his term.

Mr. Joseph H. Rash was appointed to the Board on June 14, 1965 by His Honor Mayor Theodore R. McKeldin, such term to begin July 1, 1965, in place of Mr. Irvin Kovens whose term had expired.

Mrs. Rubye C. Gill was appointed to our Board by His Honor Mayor McKeldin on August 13, 1965 in place of Mr. Marshall W. Jones, Jr. who resigned to accept appointment to the Board of Supervisors of Election.

#### 5. RETIREMENTS

After serving the City of Baltimore for 42 years in the recreation field and as Superintendent of the Bureau of Recreation, Mr. Harold S. Callowhill decided to take a well deserved rest and retire, effective December 31, 1965, with the understanding he would stay for a period, if needed, to acquaint the new Superintendent with his duties. That Mr. Callowhill was successful in his endeavors is attested to by, not only the many programs he inaugurated, the interest in recreation and physical fitness he aroused throughout the City and State, but also by his service to the youth of our City as well as to those in their later years. Many of our fine athletes started their careers through their association in the programs of this Bureau.

#### 6. DEPARTMENTAL CHANGES

Mr. Douglas S. Tawney was appointed Director of the Department on July 13, 1965 from an eligible list of the Civil Service Commission. However, since Mr. Tawney was Executive Director of the Civic Center, he could not take on his duties here until a suitable successor had been selected to replace him at the Civic Center. It was not until January 1, 1966 that he was able to assume the duties of Director of this Department, thus relieving Mr. L. Edgar Myerly who had been Acting Director until that time.

The Board appointed Mr. John G. Williams to the position of Superintendent of the Bureau of Recreation from an eligible list of the Civil Service Commission on December 7, 1965 to replace Mr. Harold S. Callowhill who had announced his retirement from that position, effective December 31, 1965. Since Mr. Williams came with us from the Department of Recreation

and Parks of DeKalb County, Decatur, Georgia, where he was Recreation Administrator, he could not report earlier than January 17, 1966. In view of this, Mr. Callowhill agreed to stay for a short period to orient Mr. Williams.

## **7. MASTER PLAN FOR RECREATION AND PARKS**

On April 1, 1965, the City of Baltimore through its Department of Recreation and Parks and Department of Planning entered into an agreement with Simonds and Simonds, Architects and Planners, 100 Ross Street, Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania, to conduct a long needed comprehensive survey of existing park and recreational facilities of the City of Baltimore.

The purpose of this survey is to analyze existing facilities, determine deficiencies, and to make definite suggestions as to methods of meeting needs where they exist; and to furnish, in the form of schematic designs, proposed development plans for park areas which are now the property of the City of Baltimore.

The entire project is to be presented in the form of three separate reports. The first report is to inventory existing available facilities and indicate deficiencies, both now and in 1985. The second report is to dwell on the existing function or use of each park and recreation property in order to determine future needs. In many cases, schematic plans for future development are to support the recommendation of the consultant. The third report is to present the summation of the total study in the form of a Master Plan for Parks and Recreation through 1985; and, to contain a development program, including cost estimates and priorities along with recommendations, for sites for future acquisition. This master plan is to relate the City's total outdoor parks and recreation program to federal and state aid and to the Six Year Capital Improvement Program as required by the City's Department of Planning.

The first phase report will be released early in 1966.

### **B. ENGINEERING DIVISION**

GERALD W. BUNN, *Principal Engineer*

WILLIAM B. ELKINS, *Senior Civil Engineer*

The Engineering Division serves both the Bureau of Parks and the Bureau of Recreation in many and varied ways. Projects of diversified nature are designed and the construction is carried-out through contracts let by this office, or the other Bureaus of this Department. It is the responsibility of this office to see that all construction contracts, with the exception of those supervised by the Bureau of Building Construction, are properly carried-out. Field surveys of all types are performed, and Engineering assistance is rendered in our cooperative projects with other Departments.

**1) The following Projects were Designed and Contracts Let and Supervised by the Engineering Division:**

- (a) Construction of Baseball Backstops at Dewees Playground, Burdick Park, and Coxon's Meadow.
- (b) Baltimore Memorial Stadium—Insulation of all drain piping from upper deck.
- (c) Six Footbridges for Mt. Pleasant Golf Course.
- (d) Sodding Northwood Athletic Field.
- (e) Air-Conditioning Office Addition to 1129 N. Calvert St.
- (f) Roof for Picnic Shelter at Bay Brook Park.
- (g) Concrete bottom for Wading Pool at Patterson Park.
- (h) Fence for Bird Sanctuary on Hillen Road.
- (i) Concrete Stairs for Swimming Pool at Chick Webb Rec. Center.
- (j) Bituminous Concrete surface for Tennis Courts at Garrett Park.
- (k) Construction of Clement Street Playlot.
- (l) Bituminous Concrete Surface, Fencing, & Equipment for Woodbourne Playground.
- (m) Repairs to North & East Balustrades—Mt. Vernon Place.
- (n) Construction of Storage Bldg., Forestry Div., Druid Hill Park.
- (o) Construction of Robertson & Chatford Playlot.
- (p) Construction of Sidewalks on West Bay Ave. & Edwight Court—Bay Brook Park.
- (q) Construction of Concrete Floor in Stable at Leakin Park.
- (r) One story addition to Kitchen at Brooklyn Rec. Center.
- (s) Sodding & Planting at Northwood Rec. Center.
- (t) Storage Building at Mt. Pleasant Golf Course.
- (u) Remodeling of Recreation Pier Ballroom.
- (v) Repointing of Brickwork at Mt. Clare Mansion in Carroll Park.
- (w) Construction of Sick Bay & Transfer Cage for Small Mammal House at Baltimore Zoo.

**2. Designed By Others—Contracts Let & Supervised by the Engineering Div.:**

- (a) Carroll Park Playground.
- (b) Air Conditioning at Gardenville Rec. Center.
- (c) Janney-Kresson Playground.
- (d) Riverside Park Type "B" Bldg. & Improvements to Playfield.

**3. Designed by Others—Engineering Assistance During Design & Construction:**

- (a) Addition to Dewees Rec. Center.
- (b) Addition to Queensberry Rec. Center.
- (c) Addition to 1129 N. Calvert St. (Rec. Bur. Office Bldg.)

- (d) John Booth Rec. Center.
- (e) Giraffe House at Baltimore Zoo.

**4. Designed by Engineering Div. – Constructed by Construction Div. – Bur. Parks.**

- (a) Foundations for Six Footbridges in Mt. Pleasant Golf Course.
- (b) Entrance to Clifton Park Swimming Pool.
- (c) Grading for New Forestry Bldg. – Druid Hill Park.
- (d) Grading & Foundation for Mt. Pleasant Storage Bldg.
- (e) Balustrade Foundations – East & North Sides Mt. Vernon Place.
- (f) Foundations for Picnic Shelter – Bay Brook Park.

**5. Miscellaneous Engineering Services:**

- (a) Topographic surveys and plans were made of the following areas:
  - (1) Zoo Parking Lot No. 1.
  - (2) Yale Heights Playground.
  - (3) Comfort Station Site near Druid Hill Shop Area.
  - (4) Nieman Ave. Ballfield.
  - (5) Broadway from Orleans to Monument Street.



**CITY OF BALTIMORE**  
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**DEPARTMENT OF RECREATION AND PARKS**

Cost Statement of Operating Expenses for the Year 1965

**1 - GENERAL EXPENSES**

11	<b>Administrative Expenses</b>		
11-1	Executive Salaries and Expenses.....	\$36,924.88	
11-2	Clerical Salaries and Expenses.....	11,908.98	
11-3	Office Supplies and Expenses.....	2,906.82	
11-4	Special Consultant Salaries.....	3,871.09	
11-9	Miscellaneous Expenses.....	238.67	
	Sub-Total.....	<u>\$55,850.44</u>	
	Total 1 - General Expenses.....		\$55,850.44

**2 - OPERATING EXPENSES**

21-D	<b>Operating Management Expenses - General</b>		
21-D-1	Pay and Expenses of Employees.....	\$46,585.09	
21-D-2	Office Supplies and Expenses.....	442.33	
21-D-9	Miscellaneous Expenses.....	11.23	
	Sub-Total.....	<u>\$47,038.65</u>	
	Total 2 - Operating Expenses.....		\$47,038.65

**6 - FIXED ASSETS AND FUNDS**

61	<b>General Properties</b>		
61-1	Administrative Properties.....	\$77.07	
68-A	<b>Motor Transportation Properties</b>		
68-A-2	Motor Vehicle Properties.....	\$2,439.43	
	Total 6 - Fixed Assets and Funds.....		<u>2,516.50</u>
	<b>GRAND TOTAL.....</b>		<u><u>\$105,405.59</u></u>

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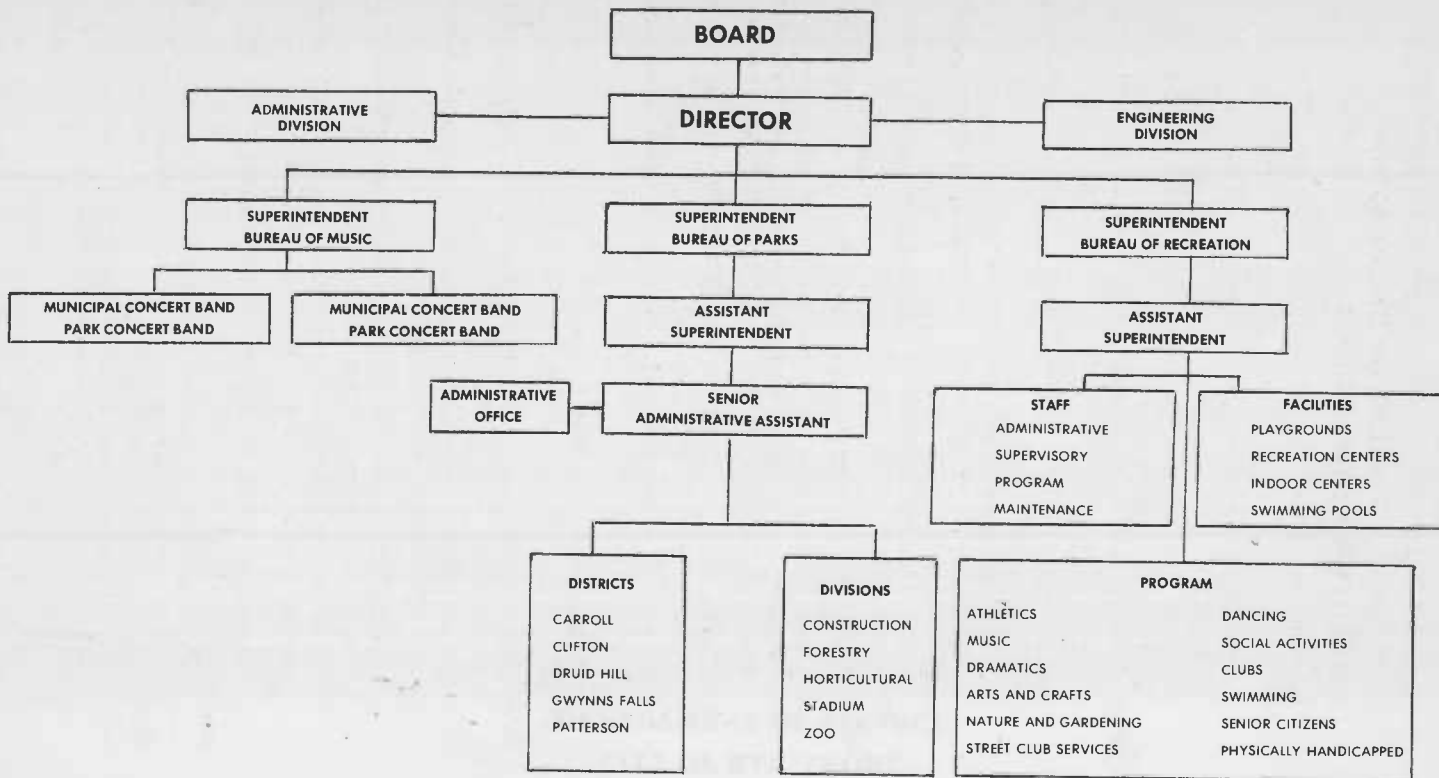
Financial Statement of Appropriations as of December 31, 1965

<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>
8.008	Salaries.....	\$88,516.00	—	\$88,516.00	\$87,744.21	—	\$87,744.21	\$771.79
8.009	Expenses.....	7,400.00	—	7,400.00	6,637.35	\$95.00	6,732.35	667.65
	TOTAL.....	\$95,916.00	—	\$95,916.00	\$94,381.56	\$95.00	\$94,476.56	\$1,439.44
	To Other Funds.....	—	(1,439.44)	(1,439.44)	—	—	—	(1,439.44)
	GRAND TOTAL.....	\$95,916.00	(1,439.44)	\$94,476.56	\$94,381.56	\$95.00	\$94,476.56	\$0.00

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# DEPARTMENT OF RECREATION AND PARKS

## ORGANIZATIONAL CHART



## SECTION II - CAPITAL IMPROVEMENTS

### A. BUREAU OF RECREATION

#### 1. COMPLETED PROJECTS 1965

The following projects were completed during the year, totaling \$204,871.00.

a. DEWEES PLAYGROUND - TUNBRIDGE ROAD AND ALHAMBRA AVENUE

An additional room approximately 50' X 50' was added onto the existing field house at a cost of \$37,381.00.

(Note: This and Queensberry were done on one contract, totaling \$74,762.00).

b. QUEENSBERRY PLAYGROUND - REAR OF 3029-31 SPAULDING AVENUE

This improvement consisted of adding an additional room, approximately 50' X 50', onto the existing field house at a cost of \$37,381.00.

(Note: This and DeWees playground were done on one contract, totaling \$74,762.00).

\*\*c. BUREAU OF RECREATION - 1129 NORTH CALVERT STREET

A two-story extension was constructed on the rear of the existing building to serve as a maintenance shop and additional office space, both of which were badly needed. Total cost \$25,480.00.

\*d. GARDENVILLE RECREATION CENTER - HAZELWOOD AND HAMILTON AVENUES

Additional air-conditioning units were installed at the recreation center at a cost of \$7,823.86.

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\* Funds from the Accessory Account

\*\* Funds from the Loan and Budget Accounts

e. CLEMENT STREET PLAY LOT - 608-616 SOUTH CLEMENT STREET

A play lot was designed and constructed and apparatus installed at this location at a cost of \$4,940.00.

f. NORTHWOOD SCHOOL RECREATION CENTER - LOCH RAVEN BOULEVARD AND HARTSDALE AVENUE

After the completion of the recreation center, the area was sodded and shrubs planted at a cost of \$2,055.00.

g. CARROLL PARK PLAYGROUND - WASHINGTON BOULEVARD AND BAYARD STREET

Improvements at this location consisted of redesign of the playground, construction of a shelter and installation of 4 lights and standards. Total cost \$89,811.06.

This playground was dedicated by Mayor Theodore R. McKeldin and City officials on December 6, 1965.

## 2. WORK UNDER CONTRACT

Projects under contract totaled \$535,722.00 and construction was in progress as of the end of the year unless otherwise noted.

### a. JOHN BOOTH RECREATION CENTER—CLAREMONT AND EATON STREETS

The old bathhouse located on this site is being remodeled into a recreation center to contain recreation rooms, office, toilets, storage and kitchenette. This will be used for the Golden Age Clubs, and the United Auto Workers Union is cooperating to the extent of furnishing an air conditioning unit and some furnishings and equipment. This project is expected to be completed in January 1966. The building was purchased for \$13,500.00 from an appropriation from the Mayor and City Council real property account. Contract was in the amount of \$39,880.00.

### b. JANNEY-KRESSON PLAYGROUND—100 BLOCK JANNEY STREET

Additional property purchased from the Bureau of Water Supply for \$32,800.00 from funds appropriated from the Mayor and City Council real property account. Contract was for demolition and enlarging and redesigning the playground in the amount of \$51,490.00. It is expected this project will be completed in January 1966.

### c. EUTAW ELEMENTARY SCHOOL—RECREATION CENTER (CRISPUS ATTUCKS) MCMECHEN, LAURENS AND WILSON STREETS

This represents a school recreation center being built in cooperation with the Department of Education on school property when the school is built. Funds in amount of \$180,000.00 have been transferred to Department of Education. This project is now 35% complete.

### d. LAKELAND-DORCHESTER HEIGHTS SCHOOL #12—SCHOOL RECREATION CENTER—WEGWORTH LANE AND OVERMOUNT AVENUE

This is another cooperative project with the Department of Education to include a recreation center in the school building when it is constructed. Our portion of the cost \$180,000.00 has been transferred to the Department of Education. Work is now 25% complete.

### e. RIVERSIDE PARK PLAYFIELD—COVINGTON, RANDALL AND JOHNSON STREETS

Contract awarded for redesigning the playfield, erecting a field house and enlarging the existing softball field in the amount of \$50,040.00. This project now 50% completed.

### f. RECREATION PIER—FOOT OF BROADWAY

Contract awarded to make assembly room at this location suitable for basketball in the amount of \$16,758.00. It is expected this project will be completed in January 1966.

- g. **ROBERTON PLAY LOT – ROBERTON AND CHATFORD AVENUES**  
The improvements at this location consist of redesigning the playlot and installing apparatus and repairing the fence. Contract awarded in amount of \$17,554.00.

**3. PROJECTS IN STUDY OR AWAITING LAND ACQUISITION (FUNDS AVAILABLE)**

- a. **JAMES MCHENRY SCHOOL #10 – SCHOOL RECREATION CENTER, HOLLINS AND SCHROEDER STREETS**

This represents another joint cooperative project with the Department of Education for a recreation center to be included when the school is constructed. The necessary property, 30-38 Stockton Street, has been acquired and architect is working on final plans and specifications.

- b. **EASTERWOOD PARK RECREATION CENTER – BENTALOU AND BAKER STREETS**

Recreation center to be constructed to contain multi-purpose room, clubroom, craft shop, office, storage room, check room, kitchen and toilet facilities. Bids were received exceeding the funds available. With approval of Board of Estimates, transfer of funds was made and contract awarded to include also Latrobe and Hilton Recreation Centers.

- c. **LATROBE PARK RECREATION CENTER – FORT AVENUE AND TOWSON STREET**

The same remarks as above on Easterwood Park recreation center apply to this project. Contract as awarded included also Easterwood and Hilton Recreation Centers.

- d. **HILTON RECREATION CENTER – MOUNT OLIVET AND PHELPS LANES**

The same remarks apply to this project as pointed out in Easterwood Park Recreation Center above. Contract as awarded included also Latrobe and Easterwood Park Recreation Centers.

- e. **JOHN EAGER HOWARD ELEMENTARY SCHOOL #61 – RECREATION CENTER, LINDEN AVENUE AND KOENIG STREET**

This represents another joint cooperative project with the Department of Education. Since funds were not available when the school was originally built, the architect at our request made provisions at that time for a recreation center to be built later. Architect has final plans and specifications for the recreation center on the southern lot completed. We are purchasing additional property from BURHA known as lot #10 for this recreation center which we expect to get in early part of 1966. There is also a playground to be constructed on the upper level which will also necessitate our purchasing from BURHA property known as lot #9 on Linden Avenue, Ducatel Street and Brookfield Avenue which

BURHA promises will be available in early 1966. The architect has also completed final plans and specifications for the playground.

f. **EDGECOMBE CIRCLE SCHOOL #62—SCHOOL RECREATION CENTER, 2835 VIRGINIA AVENUE**

This project has been temporarily postponed since the bid received exceeded the funds available. Therefore, funds were transferred with approval of our Board and the Board of Estimates so that we could construct Hilton, Easterwood and Latrobe Recreation Centers and Brunt Street playground. As soon as additional construction funds become available, this recreation center will be constructed.

g. **BAY-BROOK RECREATION CENTER AND PLAYGROUND—6th & 10th STREETS**

Recreation center and playground to be constructed at this location. Architect has final plans and specifications. 85% complete.

h. **MCKIM RECREATION CENTER AND PLAYGROUND—BALTIMORE AND AISQUITH STREETS**

Recreation center and playground to be constructed at this location. Properties at 1200 and 1204 East Baltimore Street have been acquired. Architect has been engaged and agreement between this Department and the McKim organization is now being worked out.

i. **YALE HEIGHTS PLAYGROUND—BETHNAL DRIVE, YALE AVENUE, CEDAR GARDEN ROAD AND ELDONE ROAD**

This improvement consists of redesigning the playground and the installation of apparatus. Engineers have completed final plans and specifications and bids are expected to be taken in early 1966.

j. **STUART HILL SCHOOL RECREATION CENTER—LOMBARD AND GILMOR STREETS**

This is another cooperative project with the Department of Education for a recreation center to be included when the school is constructed. Architects have preliminary plans and specifications. 97% complete.

k. **JOHN ROGERS SCHOOL #27 RECREATION CENTER—FAYETTE AND CHESTER STREETS**

Representing still another of our joint cooperative efforts with the Department of Education, this recreation center will be built in conjunction with the school building. Architects have completed preliminary plans and specifications.

**l. FURLEY AND SIPPLE AVENUES SCHOOL RECREATION CENTER  
— FURLEY AND SIPPLE AVENUES**

This is also a cooperative project with the Department of Education to include a recreation center when the school building is constructed. At present time, our funds are only for architect's fees for advance planning which is necessary, if we are to work in coordination with the Department of Education.

**m. MOYER AND CLEARVIEW SCHOOL RECREATION CENTER—  
MOYER AND CLEARVIEW AVENUES**

This is in the same category as Furley and Sipple Avenues School recreation center. Architect has been engaged by Department of Education and our funds are available only to the extent of the architect's fees for this advance planning.

**B. BUREAU OF PARKS**

**1. COMPLETED PROJECTS 1965** TOTAL \$44,918.00

**\*a. MOUNT PLEASANT GOLF COURSE**

These improvements consisted of the construction of five pedestrian bridges and one combined pedestrian and equipment bridge. This work was performed by the Construction Division at a cost of \$12,395.88.

**\*b. MT. VERNON PLACE—BALUSTRADE—NORTH SIDE OF MT.  
VERNON PLACE**

The balustrade at this location was reconstructed under a contract which was in the amount of \$3,232.00.

**\*\*c. BAY-BROOK PARK—WEST BAY AVENUE AND EDWHITE COURT**  
Concrete sidewalk was laid at this location at a cost of \$2,344.50

**+d. DRUID HILL PARK STORAGE BUILDING (Shop Area)**

This building was constructed at a cost of \$26,946.00. We are endeavoring to obtain 80% of this from fire recovery funds in accordance with Comptroller's letter of September 20, 1963.

**2. WORK UNDER CONTRACT** TOTAL \$330,159.00

**\*a. LOG BURNER—DRUID HILL PARK (Prospect Hill)**

City Purchasing Department awarded contract in amount of \$32,365.00 for the erection of this piece of equipment. Now awaiting a replacement cradle and further tests.

**\*\*b. GIRAFFE HOUSE—DRUID HILL PARK**

Contract was awarded for the construction of this building in the amount of \$284,099.00. Official ground breaking was held by His Honor, Mayor Theodore R. McKeldin, and City officials on November 12, 1965. This is now 3% completed.

**++c. MOUNT PLEASANT GOLF COURSE—EQUIPMENT AND STORAGE BUILDING**

Metal building is being constructed to replace the building



destroyed by fire. Prefab building was under contract, and Construction Division is to install the footings. Total cost estimated at \$13,695.00. Footings now being poured. We expect to recover approximately \$8,900.00 from Fire Recovery Funds.

### 3. OTHER FUTURE PROJECTS

a. HIPPOPOTAMUS HOUSE AND ANTELOPE MOAT—DRUID HILL PARK

Construction of this project was delayed due to bids being received in excess of funds available. It was referred back to the architect to make the necessary revisions to bring it in line with funds available, at which time it will be re-advertised.

b. CHERRY HILL PARK—POTEE STREET AND REEDBIRD AVENUE

The present stock pile of clay will be spread when more of this area is made available to us by the Bureau of Sanitation.

c. COMFORT STATION—DRUID HILL PARK (Tennis Court Area)

Plans and specifications being prepared by our Engineers and they are now 50% complete.

\*Capital Improvement Funds

\*\*Loan Funds

+Capital Improvements and Budget Funds

++Budget Funds

d. ZOO PARKING LOT #1—DRUID HILL PARK

Parking lot to be constructed adjacent to the deer pen area. Plans and specifications are complete and it is expected to advertise for bids in January 1966.

e. MOORE'S RUN PLAYGROUND—DENVIEW WAY OPPOSITE SARIL-RELCREST APARTMENTS

Our Board approved a playground to be constructed at this location provided necessary funds can be obtained. Certain residents have agreed to furnish some money for equipment and Simonds and Simonds, who are preparing the Master Plan for Recreation and Parks, have been requested to furnish us a schematic drawing for the development of a playground.

f. SWANN PARK FIELD HOUSE—MCCOMAS STREET WEST OF HANOVER STREET

Type "B" field house to be erected at this location at a site to be selected.

g. CARROLL PARK CLUB HOUSE

Architect to be engaged to prepare plans and specifications for the remodeling of this facility. At present, funds available only for architect's fees.

### C. STATEMENT OF LOAN FUNDS

Over the last eighteen years, there has been authorized to this Department Loan Funds in the amount of \$26,650,000.00. The electorate of this City has expressed their confidence in our programs and planning by approving at the various elections \$24,350,000.00 of the total amount enabled by the Maryland General Assembly. The details of the various loans enabled, approved and placed in the budgets are given in the statements that follow.

It is our hope to submit to the voters in the November 1966 elections the balance of \$2,300,000.00 which was not approved in November 1964. This represented improvements to the Zoo, Stadium, Parks and the construction of an Ice Skating Rink at Patterson Park. We feel that the electorate after being fully acquainted with the details of each of these projects and recognizing the growing need daily of facilities for our young people, as well as those of all ages, that we shall again have that co-operation and understanding so necessary in these rapidly changing times. This Department is continually alert to the daily problems made necessary in a fast moving age and is kept flexible to change our planning to the needs, be they immediate or in the foreseeable future. This coupled with intelligent application of economical planning, a continual surveying of existing facilities and their use, multiple designed equipment and the Simonds and Simonds reports received to date, allow us to make the utmost use of the Funds entrusted to us. Since no Loan Funds were authorized in the six months Budget of January 1, 1966 to June 30, 1966, there has been no listing made as is usually done.

#### 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

Allocation	Loan Enabling Act Mar. 1957	Authorized by Voters Nov. 1958 Nov. 1962	Placed in 1959-63-64 Budgets	Authorized by Voters Nov. 1964	Placed in 1965 Budget	Balance to go on Future Budgets	Balance of Enabling Act yet to be Authorized by Voters
Bureau-Parks.....	\$ 750,000.00	\$ 300,000.00	\$ 300,000.00	\$ 450,000.00	\$ 388,000.00	\$ 62,000.00	-
Bureau-Recreation.....	2,000,000.00	2,000,000.00	1,955,500.00	-	44,500.00	-	-
<b>TOTAL.....</b>	<b>\$2,750,000.00</b>	<b>\$2,300,000.00</b>	<b>\$2,255,500.00</b>	<b>\$ 450,000.00</b>	<b>\$ 432,500.00</b>	<b>\$ 62,000.00</b>	<b>-</b>

## FIFTH LOAN

Allocation	Loan Enabling Act June 1961	Authorized by Voters Nov. 1962	Authorized by Voters May 1963	Placed in 1963 Budget	Placed in 1964 Budget	Placed in 1965 Budget	Balance to go on Future Budgets	Balance of Enabling Act yet to be Authorized by Voters
Bureau-Parks.....	\$1,050,000.00	\$1,050,000.00	\$ -	\$1,050,000.00	\$ -	\$ -	-	-
Bureau-Rec.....	300,000.00	-	300,000.00	-	299,000.00	\$ 1,000.00	-	-
<b>TOTAL.....</b>	<b>\$1,350,000.00</b>	<b>\$1,050,000.00</b>	<b>\$ 300,000.00</b>	<b>\$1,050,000.00</b>	<b>\$ 299,000.00</b>	<b>\$ 1,000.00</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>

## SIXTH LOAN

Allocation	Loan Enabling Act Feb. 1963	Authorized by Voters May 1963	Authorized by Voters Nov. 1964	Placed in 1963-64 Budgets	Placed in 1965 Budget	Balance yet to go on Future Budgets	Balance of Enabling Act yet to be Authorized by Voters
Bureau-Parks.....	(\$2,300,000.00)	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$2,300,000.00
Bureau-Recreation.....	(*5,000,000.00)	5,000,000.00	-	†3,000,000.00	*1,125,000.00	†875,000.00	-
Bureau-Recreation.....	1,500,000.00	-	1,500,000.00	-	1,445,000.00	55,000.00	-
<b>TOTAL.....</b>	<b>\$8,800,000.00</b>	<b>\$5,000,000.00</b>	<b>\$1,500,000.00</b>	<b>\$3,000,000.00</b>	<b>\$2,570,000.00</b>	<b>\$930,000.00</b>	<b>\$2,300,000.00</b>

\*\$3,000,000.00 for Jones Falls Valley Park Acquisition  
 \$2,000,000.00 for General Park Land Acquisition

† (\$2,500,000.00 for Jones Falls Valley Park Acquisition  
 } \$ 500,000.00 for Acquiring General Park Land  
 \* \$ 500,000.00 for Jones Falls Valley Park Acquisition  
 \$ 625,000.00 for Acquiring General Park Land  
 † For acquiring General Park Land

TOTAL LOANS AUTHORIZED (ENABLING ACT).....	\$26,650,000.00
TOTAL LOANS AUTHORIZED (VOTERS).....	24,350,000.00
BALANCE - YET TO BE PLACED ON BALLOT.....	2,300,000.00

## SECTION III - REPORT OF THREE BUREAUS

### A. BUREAU OF PARKS

MR. CHARLES A. YOUNG, JR., *Acting Superintendent*  
MR. NORMAN W. DAUGHERTY, *Administrative Assistant*

During the year the Bureau of Parks expended 103,167 man hours at a cost of \$2,031,035.99; materials and services at a cost of \$845,445.95; and salaries for 121 full time employees at a cost of \$518,808.09. Guards and attendants for the 6 swimming pools were provided at a cost of \$69,425.37. For capital improvements the expenditure of \$138,691.66 produced a total expenditure for the year of \$3,603,407.06. The accomplishments and services rendered to the citizens of Baltimore are summarized in this report.

#### 1. PERSONNEL DEVELOPMENTS

Mr. L. Edgar Myerly served as Acting Director of Recreation and Parks during the entire year, and Charles A. Young, Jr. served as Acting Superintendent of Parks for a similar period. The post of Assistant Superintendent of Parks was unfilled during the year.

On July 9th, John G. Aro was promoted to Park Maintenance General Foreman in the Carroll Division to replace Sheldon Burns who resigned.

Mrs. Marianne T. Sitler, who served as Keeper-In-Charge of the Children's Zoo during the 1965 season, was promoted to Principal Animal Keeper in charge of the Children's Zoo on April 7th.

#### 2. ADMINISTRATIVE DEVELOPMENTS

Beginning in August, the Bureau cooperated with the Neighborhood Youth Corps in the training of young men enrolled in that program. On-the-job training, under the supervision of park employees, was begun in Gwynns Falls, Patterson and Clifton Divisions. This program resulted in the clearing of underbrush in undeveloped areas, the edging of turf areas adjacent to curbs, the rebuilding of a golf green and the renovation of a portion of Harlem Park. It is believed that the enrollees have gained useful skills and sound work habits that will enable them to successfully enter the labor market, and the appearance of the parks has been improved by their labor.

During April and May, 400 tons of agricultural limestone was spread by contract to selected areas in the parks. This quantity was an increase of 75 tons over the 1964 quantity of limestone spread on turf. The services of a contractor has proved to be an effective and economical method of turf liming.

#### 3. CAPITAL IMPROVEMENTS

The following projects were completed in the Capital Improvement Program for the Bureau of Parks.

1. Renewal of park lamps, cables and poles in Franklin Square, Union Square, Harlem Square, Burdick Park, Wyman Park Dell and the Hall Springs Area of Herring Run Park at a cost of \$24,648.53.

2. The surfacing of two tennis courts in Garrett Park at a cost of \$5,666.55.
3. Resurfacing footways in main zoo at a cost of \$8,507.83.
4. Construction of a concrete bottom for the Patterson Park wading pool at a cost of \$5,930.74.
5. Surfacing the Woodbourne Avenue Playground at a cost of \$6,364.45.
6. Construction of a transfer cage and cage fronts at the Mammal's House, estimated cost of \$5,000.00.
7. Replacement of animals at the Zoo, at a cost of \$6,855.64.
8. The installation of fences, backstops, footways and miscellaneous fixtures at a cost of \$10,494.00.
9. The repair of the balustrade of the north square of Mt. Vernon Park at a cost of \$4,929.30.
10. Renewal of 6 bridges at Mt. Pleasant Golf Course at a cost of \$11,397.92.
11. The preparation of plans for the renovation of Park Avenue Squares and Eutaw Place were partially completed at a cost of \$3,390.00.
12. The installation of a concrete floor in the Gwynns Falls shop building (riding stable) at a cost of \$4,710.00.

#### 4. BUREAU BUDGET

A comparison of the budgets for 1965 and 1964 discloses an increase of \$366,119 for 1965. Of this sum \$309,000 is in the capital improvement account, providing \$57,119 additional to the operating account.

<i>Account</i>	1965	1964	<i>Increase or (Decrease)</i>
Salaries.....	\$ 549,104	\$ 539,220	\$ 9,884
Labor.....	2,115,737	2,024,940	90,797
Pool Labor.....	60,000	58,500	1,500
Operating Expenses.....	663,200	640,900	22,300
Capital Equipment.....	18,638	65,000	(46,362)
Modernization of Existing Facilities (8.028).....	100,000	121,000	(21,000)
Capital Improvements.....	1,513,000	1,204,000	309,000
	<u>\$5,019,679</u>	<u>\$4,653,560</u>	<u>\$366,119</u>

#### 5. CARROLL DIVISION

MR. HARRY KUES, *District Superintendent of Parks*

The development of Bay Brook Park was continued during the year by the Division removing unwanted trees, underbrush and trash from the Duane Avenue Area and the Valley Area. This action required approximately 1200 to 1400 man days of labor. Paralleling West Bay Avenue and Edwight Court, 450 square yards of five inch concrete footway was installed, by contract.

The exterior of Mt. Clare Mansion was extensively renovated by repairing the slate roof, replacing the downspouts and gutters, repointing and water proofing the brick wall with a silicon masonry preservative. This work was accomplished, by contract, at a cost of \$5,512.00. It is anticipated this treatment will improve the weather resistance of the wall for a period of 10 years. The exterior woodwork was painted by the Construction Division.

The playground, built by contract for the Bureau of Recreation, on the site of the wading pool in Carroll Park, was turned over to the Division, following its dedication by Mayor Theodore R. McKeldin on December 6, 1965.

The traffic islands at Patapsco and Pennington Avenues, that were transferred from Bureau of Highways to Bureau of Parks' jurisdiction, were graded and covered with 8,000 square feet of sod. A total of 50 man days of labor was required at this site.

The parkway of Patapsco Avenue, from Potee Street to James Street, and the area between Waterview, Hanover Street and Potee Street were added to the maintenance responsibility of the Division.

At Fort Armistead 5 acres of land was cleared of underbrush and trash, using 150 man days of labor.

In Riverside Park a drinking fountain drain line was constructed, utilizing pipe salvaged from the Carroll Park Greenhouse. The project required 25 man days of labor.

One Hundred Fifty man days of labor was expended in the painting of backstops and fences. Eighty percent of the fences in the Division were painted in 1965.

In Garrett Park two clay tennis courts were converted to all weather courts, by contract, at a cost of \$5,666.55.

At Clement Street a tot-lot was constructed by the Bureau of Recreation in response to the urgent requests of the community. This installation was built by contract.

In addition to the facilities listed in the summary, the Division maintained the following:

29 Drinking Fountains	48 Buildings
5039 Lineal feet of park bench	6 Monuments
436 Picnic Tables	11 Flagstaffs

## 6. CLIFTON DIVISION

MR. FRANCIS R. JONES, *District Superintendent of Parks*

The surfacing of Woodbourne Avenue Playground with bituminous concrete, the installation of a basketball court, chinning bars, parallel bars and the fencing of the apparatus area were completed during the year.

At Robertson Avenue Playground the Bureau of Recreation built a basketball court, installed 9 pieces of playground equipment, installed 5 benches and surfaced the area with a variety of materials; and the Bureau of Parks installed a perimeter fence by contract. The Forestry Division installed 12 trees, and the Horticultural Division will landscape the area, in the spring of 1966, to provide a functional playlot for the neighborhood.

At Mt. Pleasant Park a footway paralleling Hillen Road and Northern Parkway was installed to accommodate students traveling to the northeast high school. The fence of the Ryan Bird Sanctuary facing Hillen Road was replaced at a cost of \$1,135.00, and the barren area south of Northern Parkway was covered with sludge to reduce erosion and encourage ground covering plants to become established.

At Burdick Park, 3 mercury vapor park lights and a hooded backstop were installed to improve the usefulness of the Park. In Upper Herring Run Park, at Coxen's Meadow, a 75 foot baseball field was constructed. At Hall Springs 3 mercury vapor lights were installed at a cost of \$1,599.07.

The Clifton Park Swimming Pool was the site of the Junior Olympic Swimming Meet, sponsored by the Exchange Club and the Bureau of Recreation, on July 10, 1965. The Municipal Games Swimming Meet, sponsored by the Bureau of Recreation, was held on August 7, 1966. An estimated 1,000 contestants participated in these major swimming events. Swimming classes, sponsored by the Bureau of Recreation were attended by 2,253 swimmers. The largest attendance at the regular swimming sessions occurred on June 21, 1965, when 1,401 persons used the pool.

At Mt. Pleasant Golf Course, 5 concrete bridges for pedestrians and 1 concrete bridge for vehicles were built to replace inadequate wooden bridges. Fourteen new ladies' tees were built using 150 cubic yards of subsoil, 50 cubic yards of topsoil, 10,000 square feet of sod and 45 man days of labor. All existing tees were resodded, using 100,000 square feet of sod. The 15th annual Hole-In-One Tournament, sponsored by the Baltimore Golf Association and the Baltimore News Post, was held at Mt. Pleasant Golf Course during the week of July 22, 1965.

At Clifton Park Golf Course all tees were sodded, using 100,000 square feet of sod and 100 man days of labor.

At Cold Stream Park, guard posts were installed to prevent the unauthorized parking of vehicles on this playfield.

Graham Memorial Park was the site of the annual Camporee of the Loch Raven District Boy Scouts on May 21, 22 and 23, 1965. The archery range at this park was used for several tournaments by the Baltimore Bowmen and attracted 2,000 spectators.

On October 10, 1965, a parade of 75 units moved from Clifton Park to the Columbus Monument, now located at Harford Road and Parkside Drive, in the first Columbus Day celebration to be held at this site.

In addition to the facilities listed in the summary, the Division maintained the following:

38 Drinking Fountains	41 Buildings
4412 Lineal feet of bench	13 Monuments
53 Picnic Tables	3 Display Fountains

## 7. DRUID HILL DIVISION

MR. ROBERT L. ARO, *District Superintendent of Parks*

The Division renewed the skinned area of 23 ball fields and the surface of 10 tennis courts with 530 cubic yards of high quality clay in the

spring of the year. This action restored these fields and courts to excellent playing condition. A total of 704 man days was expended in the repainting of 25,800 square feet of fence and 2,000 lineal feet of park benches. At Medfield Heights Playfield, 2 flights of concrete steps were installed and the slopes were graded, mulched and reseeded. The turf areas at Robert E. Lee Park were reseeded, requiring 100 pounds of grass seed, and the new retaining wall, adjoining the spillway, was protected by the placing of 100 cubic yards of earth. On Charles Street Parkway surfaced areas were restored to turf and protected with pipe and chain barriers to improve the approaches to the main entrance of Johns Hopkins University. The filling of rough areas in Wyman Park continued during the year in an effort to provide a more suitable terrain and an improved appearance for this park.

In the Druid Hill service area a one story steel rigid frame building was constructed. This structure will provide 6,450 square feet of storage space for the Forestry Division and will replace the wagon shed buildings that were destroyed by fire on August 2, 1963. Recovery of 80% of the cost of construction is anticipated from the Self-Insurance Fund. The roof of picnic shelter #9 in Druid Hill Park was replaced and the shelter renovated at a cost of \$1,223.00.

At Pine Ridge Golf Course ladies' tees were built for #6, #11 and #15 holes. The Division laid 26,000 square feet of sod to improve the turf surrounding greens and tees and wood chips were applied to paths and shrubbery beds. During the period, August 9th to 13th, the golf course was again the site of the Ballantine Three-Ring Open Golf Tournament. The Provident Hospital Building Fund received a donation from events held in connection with this tournament. On September 23rd an exhibition match between Sam Snead and Juan "Chi Chi" Rodriguez was held for the benefit of the Maryland Association for Brain Injured Children.

The Loch Raven Skeet Range was the site of 9 skeet and trap championship shoots during the year.

During August the High Service Reservoir Fields were again the site of the Maryland State Softball Championship. This play-off is sponsored by the Bureau of Recreation, and attracted heavy attendance throughout the tournament.

As in previous years, the Art Festival filled the park surrounding Druid Lake, on May 16th, with an overflow crowd of art viewers. A wide selection of creative art pieces were displayed on the fence surrounding the lake, from the Columbus Monument to beyond the tower at the east end of the reservoir. This event again attracted the largest attendance for a single day event in the list of activities for this district.

The YWCA again sponsored a city wide day camp in Druid Hill Park, using the swimming pool during the morning hours and the area adjoining the clay tennis courts for the balance of its activities.

In Wyman Park Dell the existing lighting was replaced with fifteen 250 watt mercury lamps to provide improved visibility in this area. This project cost \$8,534.22.



The Auto Maintenance Shop personnel performed for all divisions the following automotive maintenance. This activity required 1,882 man days of labor.

Type	Truck	Tractor
Motors Overhauled.....	9	16
Clutches Installed.....	27	11
Transmissions repaired & installed.....	8	3
Brakes relined.....	22	11
Brakes adjusted.....	190	45
Valve Grinding jobs.....	3	6
Rear end replacements.....	0	2
<b>Other Maintenance Performed</b>		
Tire and tube repairs.....160	Hand-type mowers, sharpened and repaired.....62	
Lubrications.....430	Crawler Loader clutch installations..... 6	
Small Engines overhauled..... 38	Road calls.....450	
King Pin and Bushing repairs..... 4	Generator, starter and muffler repairs..... 79	
Tractor-type mowers, sharpened and repaired.....275		

The Asbury Playground was restored to use, following construction of the Jones Falls Expressway by the installation of four units of playground equipment. The Elm Street Playground was deleted from the property list.

In addition to the facilities listed in the summary the Division maintained the following:

36 Drinking fountains	57 Buildings
3 Flagstaffs	3743 Lineal feet of park bench
21 Monuments	135 Picnic tables
2 Display fountains	

## 8. GWYNNS FALLS DIVISION

MR. ALBIN E. ALLEN, *District Superintendent of Parks*

During the fall of this year 1.5 acres of Harlem Park were renovated. This project consisted of removing 4,000 square feet of footway that was no longer useful, relaying 1,750 square feet of footway, laying 35,000 square feet of sod and installing six park benches. The Division expended 126 man days and the services of 150 man days of Neighborhood Youth Corps employees. The Department of Education erected a 4 foot fence, parallel to Harlem Avenue, to divert pedestrian traffic from Harlem Park Junior High School to the park entrance, and the Forestry Division planted 5 trees. To complete the project the existing lights were replaced with 10 mercury vapor lights for improved vision in the park.

The conversion of the Crimea Riding Stable into a storage building and shop area was begun with the installation of a concrete floor throughout the building at a cost of \$4,710.00.

Fences were painted at the following playgrounds; Penhurst, Easterwood, Kevin, Flowerton, McAbee, Rokeby and Pen Lucy. This project required 102 man days of labor and 75 gallons of paint.

At Forest Park Golf Course the #7 green was rebuilt to correct the poor drainage of the green. This project required 180 tons of stone, 25 tons of sand, 230 cubic yards of topsoil and 6,400 square feet of C-7 bent grass sod. The bent grass sod was provided from the sod nursery on the course. An additional 5,000 square feet of Merion blue grass sod was purchased for the apron and approaches to this green. The Division expended 84 man days and the services of 24 man days of Neighborhood Youth Corps Employees on this project. From the 18th green to the clubhouse, 750 feet of 6 foot woodchip-covered pathway was installed. Grading and sodding with 3,600 square feet of sod from the Beech Oval area completed this project. A total of 44 man days were used in this project. Adjoining the Forest Park Golf Clubhouse 15,000 square feet of sod was placed, 250 square feet of brick walk was laid and an area to the left of #1 fairway was renovated. This renovation required 150 cubic yards of topsoil, 125 pounds of grass seed and 30 bales of straw for mulching. This project required 74 man days to complete. New ladies' tees for #5 and #14 holes were built, and the regular #14 tee was enlarged by 1,700 square feet. A fountain was installed between the #10 tee and #11 green, requiring 100 feet of blind ditch for drainage. These projects required 10 tons of stone, 11,000 square feet of sod and 64 man days of labor.

Throughout the Division park lights were renovated with mercury vapor lamps, new cable and new poles in the following locations: in Franklin Square, 9 lamps at a cost of \$3,817.46, in Union Square, 9 lamps at a cost of \$3,933.13 and in Harlem Square, 10 lamps costing \$4,999.00.

The playlots at 528-10 North Stockton Street, and 804-10 North Vincent Street, and the major part of the Oriole Gun Club area were deleted from the responsibility of the Division.

The leaf mold, that resulted from the dumping by the Bureau of Sanitation, in lower Leakin Park was partially distributed during the winter months. The Forestry Division utilized large quantities to construct a pit in which planting stock is stored.

In addition to the facilities listed in the summary the Division maintained the following:

43 Drinking fountains  
3099 Lineal feet of Park Bench  
6 Monuments

44 Buildings  
10 Flagstaffs

## 9. PATTERSON DIVISION

MR. FRANCIS T. BUTLER, *District Superintendent of Parks*

In Lower Herring Run Park, adjacent to Armistead Gardens, an additional baseball field was constructed on the sanitary fill area. This field required 2,000 cubic yards of stabilization material, 6,000 cubic yards of sewerage sludge and 500 cubic yards of topsoil to provide a suitable playing surface. In the area east of Sinclair Lane 1,600 feet of Herring Run was channeled and 2,300 cubic yards of broken concrete and asphalt were

placed to prevent stream bank erosion in the picnic grove. The rubble was covered with 2,000 cubic yards of sand and gravel from the channel, and 1.5 acres lost by stream flooding was reclaimed for park use.

In the Patterson Park Wading Pool the concrete bottom was replaced, by contract, at a cost of \$5,930.00. Two mercury vapor lamps were installed to illuminate this area. An estimated 500 cubic yards of sand were excavated from this pool and distributed to playgrounds in the Patterson District.

A new park created on the site of the former Mash Market Comfort Station, by the Department of Public Works, was added to the responsibilities of the Division. This park consists of 6 shade trees and a cut granite block paved area. The purpose of this project was to create an oasis in the congested market area.

The responsibility for the interior of the Washington Monument was transferred from the Bureau of Parks to the Peale Museum on April 12th. The lobby of this Monument was converted into an information center for historical sites within the city. It is reported that an admission charge is now required to ascend the shaft.

During the first full year of restored use, 74,695 persons visited the "Pagoda" observation tower in Patterson Park. Two coin operated binoculars were installed for the use of visitors to the tower.

The facilities of Patterson Park were used for the following special events during the year: On June 20th, the National Senior 20 Kilometer Walking Championship, a 2 mile run sponsored by the Baltimore Junior Association of Commerce; a Run for your Life contest; bicycle races sponsored by the Baltimore City Committee on Physical Fitness and the annual Pulaski Day celebration. For the second successive year the "I am an American" Day parade was cancelled because of rain.

At Bocek Playfield, adjoining Edison Highway and Madison Street, 731 lineal feet of chain link fence was erected. This installation was by contract at a cost of \$1,489.00.

Fences and playground equipment were painted at the following playgrounds in the district: Elmley Avenue, Joseph Lee; Luzerne Avenue, Orleans Street, Bocek Playfield and Gardenville Playfield.

The annual Christmas tree lighting and carol sing, sponsored by the Charles Street Association, was held in the south square of Mt. Vernon Place with Mayor Theodore R. McKeldin participating in the ceremonies. The ornamental fence of the Washington Monument and doorways of homes and public buildings in Mt. Vernon Square were most attractively decorated during the Christmas season. District IV Federated Garden Clubs of Maryland sponsored these decorations, and were assisted by the Division.

The portion of Charles Street surrounding the Washington Monument and the four Mt. Vernon Squares were the site of the 53rd Flower Mart, sponsored by the Women's Civic League, in May, 1965. The turf, shrubbery and trees of the squares were intensively groomed in preparation for this event and several divisions of the Bureau assisted in the staging of this annual event.

At the John Booth Recreation Center a bocci court was installed to provide recreation for older citizens in the area. In Patterson Park, 2 outdoor volleyball courts were converted to basketball courts.

In addition to the facilities listed in the summary the Division maintained the following:

43 Drinking fountains	11 Flagstaffs
6541 Lineal feet of park bench	5 Display fountains
12 Picnic tables	31 Monuments
31 Buildings	

## 10. CONSTRUCTION DIVISION

GEORGE L. NICKEL, *Superintendent of Park Maintenance*

The Construction Division is responsible for the repair and renovation of all park structures, roads, footways and surfaced areas; the maintenance of electrical, plumbing, and heating facilities and the inspection of park lighting maintenance and power consumption. The Division provides construction machinery and operators to all park divisions to assist with earth moving projects and provides welding service for metal repair and fabrication.

In addition to routine services the following major projects were accomplished by the Construction Division in the areas shown:

### CARROLL DISTRICT

In Bay Brook Park a parking area of 13,500 square feet was constructed to accommodate persons using the baseball fields. The swimming pool water distribution system at Riverside Pool was replaced, and the concrete deck repaired. At Fort Smallwood Park the sewer drains were cleared of debris and the pipe repaired. A new roof was installed on the District Office building in Carroll Park.

### CLIFTON DISTRICT

The deteriorated entrance canopy to the lower level of the Clifton Park Swimming Pool building was replaced and combined with a masonry ticket booth to provide improved service and appearance of this facility.

The interior and exterior of the Burdick Park fieldhouse were painted, and the exterior of the Willow Avenue Playground was painted and renovated. A new roof was installed on the Lake Cottage in Clifton Park.

Six concrete bridges were built by the Division at Mt. Pleasant Golf Course. Pre-stressed concrete double tees sections were utilized for the decks. Abutments were constructed with extended wing walls, to resist the erosion generated by the flash floods characteristic of the watershed. The decks of the bridges were covered with salvaged heavy duty conveyor belting to provide a walking surface for golfers.

At Mt. Pleasant Park 16,484 square feet of bituminous concrete footway was built along Hillen Road and Northern Parkway.

A fireproof ceiling was installed in the riding stable at Graham Memorial Park.

## **DRUID HILL DISTRICT**

The walls surrounding the Three Sisters Ponds were repaired by the stone masons of the Construction Division. This work required the re-setting of 400 lineal feet of 18 inch wall. Adjoining Lake Drive, 10 tree wells were built to preserve park trees endangered by the widening of this Drive. At the Rosenfeld Memorial Shelter the flagstone walkway, steps and floor were reset; and the woodwork repaired and painted. Rain gutters and down spouts were installed by contract. This work was accomplished with funds from the Rosenfeld Fund.

In Cylburn Park, four acres of underdeveloped land adjoining Cylburn Avenue were graded to permit improved maintenance and to provide drainage for springs.

For the Forestry Division's log burner at Prospect Hill, a concrete ash removal pit and 150 feet of 8 foot fence were constructed. A 15 KVA transformer and 1200 feet of duct to carry the three phase 4 wire primary feeder were installed at this burner.

The interior and exterior of Shelter #9 was painted and the roof repaired to receive new shingles. Shingles were placed by contract.

The swimming pool water distribution system at the Druid Hill Swimming Pool was replaced. This repair necessitated extensive replacement of the concrete deck.

To accommodate the Forestry storage building, 500 feet of perimeter fence was relocated and an entrance area for vehicles built.

## **GWYNNS FALLS DISTRICT**

The oil burner, salvaged from the Easterwood Park fieldhouse, and oil storage tank, salvaged from Hanlon fieldhouse, were installed in the fieldhouse at Maiden Choice Park to meet the needs of this facility.

Replacement of deteriorated wood at Hutton Mansion and the rebuilding of a double flue chimney at Bergner Mansion were completed. The slate roof of Bergner Mansion was repaired by contract.

## **PATTERSON DISTRICT**

The balustrade at the north square of Mt. Vernon Place was renovated by the Division. This project required the construction of 68 lineal feet of retaining wall, a new curb, 620 square feet of footway and the resetting of the marble balustrade. This action was taken to repair the damage caused by vehicles striking the balustrade and to provide a footway for pedestrians crossing Mt. Vernon Place. The marble balustrade was reset by contract.

At Orleans Street Playground, two 250 mercury vapor lamps were installed as a deterrent to vandalism.

The bathhouse in Patterson Park was given an exterior and interior painting, and a new roof installed.

## STADIUM

The parking area in front of the Stadium was enlarged by 9,250 square feet, and 13,200 square feet of bituminous concrete paving in Venable Park Parking area was replaced. For improved illumination at the front of the Stadium, six 250 watt mercury vapor lamps were installed.

The rest rooms, locker rooms and interior passageways of the Stadium were given the annual renovation by painting.

The field seats, required for football games, were erected and dismantled and 4,000 feet of fencing was placed by the Construction Division.

## Zoo

In preparation for the contract to resurface the main Zoo footways, the Construction Division replaced 850 square feet of deteriorated concrete base, raised the manholes, storm drains and electrical cable hand-boxes. The contract for resurfacing of 2,326 square yards of footway with bituminous concrete was accomplished at a cost of \$8,507.83.

To accommodate the Carrousel, at the Children's Zoo, 30 lineal feet of 36" X 18" stone wall was built, 1,732 square feet of bituminous concrete footway and an 8 foot enclosing fence were installed.

In an effort to reduce unlawful entry into the Children's Zoo a 3 strand wire overhang was installed on the perimeter fence. This project required 16,500 feet of barbed wire.

During 1965 six obsolete oil burners were replaced with standard equipment to assure the availability of repair parts. The complex electrical controls for the gas fired boilers at Cylburn Greenhouse were overhauled by the electrical force.

At the Woodbourne Junior High School's baseball field, a drinking fountain and two street washers were installed, on an interdepartmental work order from the Bureau of Water Supply.

Work for the Bureau of Recreation was accomplished on a compensated basis at the following locations: Painting the interior and exterior of these recreation centers; Curtis Bay, Brooklyn, Canton, Lions Club, and the Bureau office building. Painting the exterior of Schenley Road Recreation Center and the interior of Gardenville Recreation Center.

The Division built 87 picnic tables and 25 lawn chairs as replacements and additions for use throughout the park districts.

## 11. FORESTRY DIVISION

MR. FREDERICK S. GRAVES, *City Forester*

The year 1965 was the fourth dry year in succession. A heavy snowfall was recorded on January 10th, 17th, and on February 5th. On five other days a snowfall was recorded. A heavy rainfall was recorded on February 7th, March 5th, and July 11th. On thirty-seven other days a rainfall was recorded. The total rainfall for the year was 29.49 inches, an increase of 2.46 over 1964, but far below the normal rainfall for this region. The limited precipitation necessitated extensive watering of saplings and caused greater loss of newly planted trees than anticipated.

There were only 4 storms during the year that caused damage to trees; sleet storms on January 24th and February 25th, a severe windstorm on April 13th and a wind storm on June 2nd that started at 6:00 P.M. and continued through the night.

One of the achievements of the Forestry Division during the year was reflected in the sharp decline of Dutch Elm Disease on elm trees both on the streets and in the parks. This year, 43 trees were removed. This can be compared to 192 in 1964 and 303 in 1963. As infected elms were removed immediately upon detection in each of the three years, the reduction by 224% is a significant advancement in the preservation of elm trees.

In a further effort to limit the spread of Dutch Elm Disease, vapam was applied to the soil between elm trees on East 33rd Street as a barrier to the organism of this disease. This action reinforced the control of the disease and was sufficiently encouraging to warrant application at additional areas in 1966.

The spraying of elm trees began on March 23rd and continued through May 21st. A total of 8,221 trees were sprayed during this period. The first elm bark beetles were observed emerging on June 1st, approximately the same time as in 1963. By this date the elms were protected by a deposit of insecticide; either 25% DDT or 2 EC methoxychlor was used as the insecticide. In addition to control of the elm bark beetle, a spraying program on 5,674 additional trees was applied from May 22nd to late August.

There were 7,327 trees pruned in 1965, 1,047 in the parks and squares and 6,280 on the streets. This was an increase of 557 over 1964. Block pruning was continued and elms that had not been pruned for several years were given special consideration. Throughout the year young trees that had been planted were pruned and shaped.

The number of dead, dying and diseased trees that were removed in 1965 again decreased substantially. The total number removed was 1960 which is the lowest in several years. The control of Dutch Elm Disease was partly responsible, but the greatest factor was the dwindling population of over-age trees on the streets. In 1965 there were only 685 trees removed by Bureau of Highways contract or 538 less than in 1964. The contract was awarded early in the winter and proceeded more efficiently than in any past year. This efficiency can be credited to the posting of trees with 5 day notice signs. This action made it much easier for the contractor to locate the trees selected for removal.

It was a banner year for street tree planting. Early in March, a Master Planting Plan for the City of Baltimore was requested of the City Forester by an ordinance passed by the City Council. In the plan the City was divided into 14 segments based on similar requirements and environment. Each segment was charted separately in a street by street survey and compared to the street tree census file that had been completed some four years previous.

To implement the street tree planting program the Board of Estimates appropriated \$150,000 from General Funds and \$150,000 from State Gasoline Tax money apportioned to the Bureau of Highways for street construction and maintenance work to carry out the program of street tree planting. As the result of the appropriation, 6679 trees were planted during the year; this was a gain of 4,593 to the tree inventory.

The evergreen plants in containers in the central business district survived the winter of 1964-65 and required only 4 replacements during the year. This favorable condition can be attributed to the heavy mulching with wood chips that was applied to the plants.

The year 1965 was the first year that 4' x 4' tree spaces were opened in the footway at the City's expense. Previously, the property owner was required to provide the opening for tree planting. This procedure permitted the Forestry Division to proceed with the planting schedule in a systematic manner and greatly accelerated the program.

There were no new problems in insect control in 1965, nor did any new insects make their appearance except heavy infestations of wooly aphids on Hawthorns and Fruitless Mulberry saplings.

The scarcity of tree trimmers and the poor quality of those who were available continued as a problem. The school that was conducted during the first three months of the year in conjunction with the Manpower Development and Training Program for the training of tree trimmers was not successful and was terminated.

During the year, 6,231 trees were planted on the public highways and 448 in the parks. An increase of 5,005 trees over 1964 is represented by this activity. The major plantings in the parks were at Federal Hill Park, 27 trees including 17 Armstrong red maple; Upper Herring Run Park, 51 trees including 10 flowering ash and 15 willow oaks; east end of Druid Lake, 12 tulip trees; Western Run Park received 53 trees; Flag House Square received 10 junipers and 3 red cedars; Broadway Squares received 43 trees.

A total of 13,788 man days at a cost of \$226,141.00 were expended for tree care on the public highways and in the public parks. This is an increase of 1,964 resulting from the accelerated tree planting program.

For supplies and materials \$249,813 was expended. Of this sum \$175,946 was for the purchase of trees.

For the Christmas season a 50 foot red cedar tree was erected in City Hall Plaza and a 40 foot red cedar tree was erected in Mt. Vernon South Square. The latter was lighted by Mayor Theodore R. McKeldin at ceremonies on December 11th.

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A recapitulation of Forestry activities is as follows:

	1965	1964	1963
<b>TREES PRUNED</b>			
Parks.....	1,047	961	1,213
Highways.....	6,280	5,809	6,995
Total.....	7,327	6,770	8,208
<b>TREES PLANTED</b>			
Parks.....	448	429	265
Highways.....	6,208	1,101	1,148
Other Agencies.....	23	144	205
Total.....	6,679	1,674	1,618
<b>TREES REMOVED</b>			
Parks.....	560	375	964
Highways.....	715	654	913
Total by Forestry.....	1,275	1,029	1,877
Total by Contract.....	685	1,223	1,479
Total Removed.....	1,960	2,252	3,356
<b>TREES SPRAYED</b>			
Parks.....	1,488	1,195	1,163
Highways.....	12,407	12,558	12,501
Total.....	13,895	13,753	13,664
<b>TREES CULTIVATED</b>			
Parks.....	400	451	341
Highways.....	3,892	4,812	2,513
Total.....	4,292	5,263	2,854

## 12. HORTICULTURE DIVISION

[MR. GERARD J. MOUDRY, *Park Horticulturist*]

The activities of the Horticulture Division are separated into the following functions: indoor gardening, outdoor gardening, decoration, and custodial services, including maintenance.

For indoor gardening 4,400 man days were required to operate the Palm House, Druid Hill Greenhouse and Cylburn Greenhouses. At the Palm House and Druid Hill Greenhouse the spring flower display, originated in 1949, was again presented. A display of Chrysanthemums and a Christmas display were also presented. An estimated 13,000 visitors viewed the displays during the year. In addition to preparing and maintaining the indoor displays, 150,000 bedding plants, 13,000 shrubs, 1,600 pots of poinsettia, 1,000 pots of tulips, 3,000 pots of hyacinths, and 5,000 pots of assorted plants were grown.

The outdoor gardening activities required 2,087 man days for the care of 82 flower displays and 59 shrubbery displays and the maintenance of the nursery at Cylburn Park. At 47 locations tulips or hyacinths were planted for 1966 Spring Display. For this activity 300 loads of wood chips, 150 cubic yards of leaf mold and 10 tons of fertilizer were required. At the Druid Hill Rose Garden three beds were replanted, using Crimson Glory and Talisman Roses, principally. The triangle at Park Avenue and West Fayette Street was completely renovated; the maintenance of the shrubbery at the Battle Monument Plaza was added to the responsibilities. At the Rosenfeld Memorial Shelter the foundation planting was replanted with Brown's Yew, Upright Yew, Linden Viburnum and Leather-leaf Viburnum.

The decoration activities required 543 man days for the delivery and return of green plants and floral pieces for public functions, making Christmas wreaths and the delivery of cut flowers and potted plants to public offices. Deliveries were made to 1,229 locations during the year.

For custodial services at Cylburn Mansion and maintenance of property, 520 man days were required.

The Nature Interpretation Program showed an increase of 100% over 1964 with 18,000 persons visiting the Wildflower Preserve and Garden Center. The Naturalist instructed 6412 school children for 1.5 hours each and began a work shop in nature study of 18 hours for 48 school teachers. A total of 165 teachers applied for admission to this course, indicating a strong demand for this service.

During the year Sunday Open House was held 17 times at Cylburn Mansion, and provided an opportunity for family groups to observe the nature museum, library and special exhibits.

The Camp Small Tract was designated as a leaf disposal area for the Bureau of Sanitation. A reserve of organic matter for future use throughout the public parks is now developing at this site.

The Division continued the program of planting flower beds with new combinations of plants in an effort to create greater public interest and improve the appearance of the public parks. Flower beds were maintained in the following Divisions:

Carroll Division.....	5	Horticulture Division.....	7
Clifton Division.....	9	Patterson Division.....	20
Druid Hill Division.....	30	Stadium.....	<u>2</u>
Gwynns Falls Division.....	24	Total.....	97

The south square of Mt. Vernon Place was renovated to a plan prepared by the staff of the Bureau. This renovation required the removing of unwanted plants, the pruning of overgrown shrubbery and the planting of ground covering plants in the interior of each panel. The following materials were required for this project: 3,000 blue vinca minor, 3,000 white vinca minor, 2,000 pachysandra, 150 evergreen privet, 1,500 Baltic ivy and 4 saucer magnolia. Two planting beds were installed at the base of the Lafayette Monument to display annual blooming plants.

### 13. MEMORIAL STADIUM

(MR. WILLIAM R. SCHMIDT, JR., *Stadium Manager*)

The most important improvement at the Stadium during 1965 was the construction of the "Hit and Run Room" in the former auditorium. The new room, which was constructed as part of a 1964 agreement for improving concession facilities, is actually an attractive, modern restaurant done in a baseball motif which offers either a snack or dinner before, during and after a ball game. The room has become very popular and proven a convenience to its patrons as well as an asset to the Stadium.

A second project which had its beginning in 1965 was the painting of the Stadium seats in various colors to correspond to the baseball ticket sections. During the year, the painting of the lower boxes in blue and the mezzanine seats in yellow was accomplished and plans for 1966 call for the completion of the project by painting the lower reserves in green, the upper reserves in coral and the general admission seats in tan. The blue and yellow colors were very well received by both the public and the press and tended to brighten the Stadium as well as producing a cheerful effect.

Other smaller projects accomplished during the year included planting sixty pieces of shrubbery around the Stadium both as replacements and additions; completely overhauling the brine pumps and constructing new concrete pads for them at the ice rink; adding fifteen permanent lockers in the east dressing room to accommodate the larger football roster; renewing one of the two steam boilers used for heating the administrative areas at the Stadium; letting a contract for repairing several broken drains in the mezzanine area; and bricking in the windows at section 32 where vandals were constantly tearing out the iron grill to gain illegal entry into the Stadium. Although because of the lack of special funds, none of these projects is very large, they are important as each one either eliminates an annoying or even dangerous situation or else contributes to the pleasure of a visit to Memorial Stadium.

During 1965 the ice rink operated from January 1st to March 14th and from November 6th to the close of the year. Attendance during the Fall sessions was maintained at a high level which was especially gratifying in view of the fact that a new, enclosed rink had opened in the northern area. Except for the loss of Sunday morning hockey games, the new rink did not appear to affect our attendance adversely to any great degree which undoubtedly is indicative of the increasing interest in ice skating in the area.

Despite the very poor baseball attendance and consequent loss of revenue, the Stadium once again showed a gain in its operating expenses for the year. The total revenue produced by the Stadium in 1965 amounted to \$514,324.13 as opposed to expenses of \$418,510.38, resulting in a gain of \$95,813.75. It is well to bear in mind when considering the revenue picture at the Stadium that our costs in material, labor and maintenance are constantly rising whereas our income except for the fluctuation in attendance and a small increase in several concession items remains constant.

a. Details of Stadium Revenue including Ice Rink Receipts

<i>Type of Event</i>	<i>No. of Uses</i>	<i>Gross Attendance</i>	<i>Rental Revenue</i>	<i>Concession Revenue</i>
Professional Baseball	67	781,649	\$102,092.37	\$64,938.83
Professional Football	8	439,487	141,685.81	29,658.88
Fireworks - July 4th	1	22,184	1,000.00	1,068.24
City-Poly Football	1	22,676	175.00	1,142.95
Loyola-Calvert Hall	1	9,180	175.00	340.77
Festival of Music	2	6,472	—	90.79
March of Champions	1	9,463	750.00	659.36
Amateur Baseball	1	725	507.50	111.73
<b>TOTALS</b>	<b>82</b>	<b>1,291,836</b>	<b>\$246,385.68</b>	<b>\$98,011.55</b>
Total Rental Revenue.....				\$246,385.68
Total Concession Revenue.....				98,011.55
Sale of Utilities.....				17,077.67
Reimbursement from Colts for Lights, Field Restoration, Colt Band and extra handling of tarp.....				4,905.25
Parking Revenue:				
Stadium.....			\$13,512.43	
Venable.....			20,093.14	
Parking Lot License:				
Stadium.....			9,956.00	
Venable.....			5,476.86	
Rental of Office Space.....			3,345.00	
Advertising:				
Clock.....			1,500.00	
Scoreboard.....			20,000.00	
Telephone Commissions.....			1,072.26	
Ice Rink Revenue:				
Admissions (60,939).....			31,846.00	
Concessions.....			5,085.20	
Repayment - 1% Concessions Improvements.....			8,956.09	
Repayment - 6% Field Seats.....			19,358.16	
Repayment - Rental waived on 514 Mezzanine Seats.....			1,589.56	
Repayment - Rental waived on 2380 Upper Deck Seats.....			6,153.28	
<b>TOTAL 1965 STADIUM REVENUE INCLUDING ICE RINK RECEIPTS.....</b>			<b>514,324.13</b>	

b. Revenue and Cost Comparisons—Memorial Stadium—1954 to 1965

Year	Uses	Attendance	Revenue	Expense	Gain (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
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
1960	94	1,829,969	581,826.55	337,942.98	243,883.57
1961	89	1,547,043	470,967.90	328,459.19	142,508.71
1962	90	1,391,452	480,098.46	312,573.43	167,525.03
1963	92	1,278,684	488,131.88	360,424.86	127,707.02
1964	87	1,804,191	604,151.07	420,046.16	184,104.91
1965	82	1,291,836	514,324.13	418,510.38	95,813.75

c. Statement of Stadium Operating Expenses (Excluding Ice Rink)

Operating Management Expenses.....	\$ 77,466.27
Operating Expense.....	229,463.50
Stadium Repairs (Including Vandalism).....	79,038.38
<b>TOTAL EXPENSES.....</b>	<b>\$385,968.15</b>
Year 1965	
Total Revenue.....	\$477,392.93
Total Expense.....	385,968.15

GAIN ON OPERATION

STADIUM.....	\$ 91,424.78
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d. Statement of Ice Rink Operating Expenses

Operating Expenses.....	\$ 28,799.30
Ice Rink Repairs.....	3,742.93
<b>TOTAL EXPENSES.....</b>	<b>\$ 32,542.23</b>
Year 1965	
Total Revenue.....	\$ 36,931.20
Total Expense.....	32,542.23

GAIN ON OPERATION-ICE RINK.....	\$ 4,388.97
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A comparison of Stadium costs including debt retirement, interest on loan funds and capital improvements against Stadium Revenue including property accruals follows:

**STADIUM COSTS—1965**

Operating, Maintenance and Management.....	\$418,510.38
Capital Improvements.....	12,824.93
Debt Retirement (Stadium) .	275,000.00
Interest on Loan (Stadium)...	49,250.00
Debt Retirement (Ice Rink).....	6,350.00
Interest on Loan (Ice Rink).....	1,476.38
<b>TOTAL STADIUM COSTS</b>	
1965.....	\$763,411.69

**STADIUM REVENUE—1965**

Stadium Revenue.....	\$514,324.13
Under contract with the Baltimore Orioles, one eighteenth of the total value of \$50,000 expended for the construction of the Oriole offices accrues to the City each year.....	2,777.00
<b>TOTAL STADIUM REVENUE</b>	
1965.....	\$517,101.13

Thus for a net cost of \$246,310.56 the City of Baltimore accrued the following benefits from its operation of the Baltimore Memorial Stadium:

1. Provided entertainment for a total attendance of 1,291,836 Stadium patrons plus 60,939 skaters at the ice rink.
2. Directly created an expenditure of an estimated \$15,000,000 in Baltimore in connection with the Stadium operation. These expenditures include such items as lodging and hotel, rentals for the home teams, visiting teams and spectators, meals, gasoline, shopping, transportation and other entertainment. Resulting employment and benefits are difficult to estimate but of significant importance. In this connection, it is interesting to recall the testimony at the recent Milwaukee trial in which the value of the Stadium to the area was graphically represented.
3. Provided national prestige and advertisement for Baltimore City by the presentation of Major League Baseball, Professional Football and other outstanding Stadium attractions.
4. Not to be overlooked in the financial picture is the growing value of the Stadium. Constructed at an initial cost of \$6,000,000 our plant could not be duplicated today without an expenditure of at least \$15,000,000. With the improvements that have been added, the value placed on the Stadium now stands at \$8,004,985.46.

In addition to the events held within the Stadium and the Ice Rink, the annual Christmas Tree Sale was held on the west parking lot and 32 special bus excursions originated from the Stadium parking areas. The Stadium auditorium and boiler room have been designated as Civil Defense shelter areas and have been stocked with emergency supplies for this purpose. The Stadium auditorium was used on 21 occasions, most uses being made before the new Hit and Run Room was constructed. The Stadium parking lots were also used for parking and shuttle bus service for the Flower Mart, for a Career Exposition sponsored by the Junior Association of Commerce at the Civic Center, for the Maryland State Teachers Association and for a meeting of new teachers.

#### 14. BALTIMORE ZOO

[MR. ARTHUR R. WATSON, *Director*]

The inventory of animals in the Baltimore Zoo again increased during the year. The year end inventory contained in the mammal department 389 specimens, an increase of 7 specimens; in the reptile department 176 specimens, an increase of 30 specimens; in the bird department 500 specimens with no increase in the number of specimens.

The most significant addition to the mammal collection was a pair of moose received from the Third District, Loyal Order of Moose, at a ceremony presided over by Mayor Theodore R. McKeldin on December 21, 1965. Also, a trio of leopards were born to the mated pair of leopards purchased in 1964.

The Mexican burro, Jack, produced national prominence for the Baltimore Zoo when he appeared on the "I've Got a Secret" television show on October 11, 1965.

In the reptile department the experiment being conducted in the field of albinism was continued into the third year, with successful mating of two pair of albino corn snakes. The third successive year of mating of the matched pair of black rat snakes also was recorded. The reptile collection was expanded by the addition of a rare dwarf python, three dwarf boas and a Popes pit viper. In the reptile house 36 exhibit tanks were replaced with formica sheathed tanks and the working space improved by the replacement of deteriorating door frames and wallboards.

The activities of the bird department were centered on the hatching of ostrich chicks. Three ostrich eggs were hatched and one chick was raised to an age of 108 days, bettering the previous record of 72 days. It is anticipated that experience being gained from this project will enable the Baltimore Zoo to be the first zoo in the Eastern United States to successfully raise an ostrich chick to maturity.

At the Children's Zoo a professional clown was engaged for appearances on Saturdays to expand the attractions offered. The circus wagon type cages were increased by four to permit the display of small non-domestic animals on the terrace area. The practice of bringing animals to the terrace area for petting and picture taking was established during the year. Twenty-four old style park benches were built and decorated with pastel colors to complement the color scheme of this area. Sixty man days of labor were used in this project. A carousel was installed as a concession operation adjoining the Zoo Choo station. This unit added entertainment, music, and motion to the Children's Zoo. The Children's Zoo operated on 226 days and served 102,345 children and 81,930 adults with a revenue of \$39,330.00.

The promenade area of the main Zoo was renovated by the resurfacing of the walkways between the Safari Train station and the wading bird exhibit. This was accomplished, by contract, at a cost of \$8,507.83. At the mammal house, a contract to provide cage fronts for two hospital cages and a steel transfer cage that were specified in the original construction for the building was authorized. The sum of \$5,000.00 was allocated for this project. The sum of \$6,855.64 was expended for the replacement of animals. Revenue from animals sold amounted to \$845.00.

The handling of manure at the Zoo was expedited with the purchase of two 1 cubic yard dump trailers. This equipment facilitated the transportation of manure to the compost area and improved the appearance of the Zoo service areas.

On November 2nd, the Bishop Construction Company began work on the Giraffe House, with a completion date of mid-1966 set for the project.

The east section of the bathhouse of swimming pool #2 was renovated by Zoo personnel into a feed storage area. Sixty man days of labor were expended in this renovation.

During the year an estimated 87,000 persons visited the museum of the Natural History Society of Maryland located in the Maryland House.

This number included the 240 groups who were given a brief tour of the exhibits. A map of geological formations was completed and a photographic exhibit on the black widow spider was made ready for viewing in 1966.

## 15. SUMMARY OF REVENUE SUPPORTED FACILITIES

In addition to the operation of Memorial Stadium and the Ice Skating Rink at that location, the Bureau of Parks operated the following revenue supported facilities:

### GOLF COURSES

At the five municipal golf courses 255,834 rounds of golf were played, showing an increase of 3101 rounds over the previous year. The increase in revenue, when coupled with a marked decrease in operating cost, produced a gain of \$73,120.00 for the City. The following table provides a detailed study of the operation:

<i>Course</i>	<i>Rounds Played</i>	<i>Revenue</i>	<i>Operating Cost</i>
Carroll Park*	33,819	\$ 25,366.00	\$ 43,514.00
Clifton Park	57,282	84,728.00	73,704.00
Forest Park	56,413	82,437.00	72,586.00
Mt. Pleasant	52,974	88,955.00	68,161.00
Pine Ridge	55,346	120,812.00	71,213.00
<b>TOTALS</b>	<b>255,834</b>	<b>\$402,298.00</b>	<b>\$329,178.00</b>

\*A Nine Hole Course

<i>Year</i>	<i>Rounds Played</i>	<i>Revenue</i>	<i>Operating Cost</i>	<i>Gain or (Loss)</i>
1965	255,834	\$402,298.00	\$329,178.00	\$73,120.00
1964	252,733	\$401,111.00	\$407,938.00	(\$ 6,827.00)
1963	270,607	\$431,291.00	\$364,246.00	\$67,045.00
1962	296,131	\$372,368.00	\$372,506.00	(\$ 138.00)
1961	285,850	\$353,437.00	\$371,903.00	(\$18,466.00)

### FORT SMALLWOOD

As in previous years a parking charge of 50c per car and \$3.00 per bus was charged from April 1 to October 30th at Fort Smallwood. The beach facilities were operated by a concessionaire from May 29th through September 6th. A very limited amusement ride concession was operated during the year. The parking charge was received for 15 motorcycles, 28,930 automobiles and 410 buses.



Park Patrons.....	144,550
Beach Patrons.....	40,259

Beach Concessions.....	\$ 4,084.00
Amusement Concessions.....	\$ 397.00
Parking Fees.....	\$16,000.00
Total Revenue.....	\$20,481.00
Operating Cost.....	\$36,000.00

Year	Park Patrons	Beach Patrons	Revenue	Operating Cost	Gain or (Loss)
1965	144,550	40,259	\$20,481.00	\$36,000.00	(\$15,519.00)
1964	115,753	39,131	\$19,557.00	\$35,793.00	(\$16,236.00)
1963	129,000	44,673	\$19,512.00	\$38,961.00	(\$19,449.00)
1962	117,500	41,262	\$20,055.00	\$29,930.00	(\$ 8,875.00)
1961	139,400	54,492	\$21,711.00	\$34,244.00	(\$12,533.00)

### SWIMMING POOLS

The swimming pools were open from the closing of the public schools through Labor Day.

In addition to the public sessions for which an admission fee was charged, the pools were utilized for "Learn to Swim" classes conducted by the Bureau of Recreation. At Clifton Pool, 2,253 youths were enrolled in these classes. Clifton Pool recorded 1,401 admissions on June 21st for a near record daily attendance. As in previous years attendance after August 1st dwindled until the closing day.

### 1965 Swimming Pool Record

Pool	Days Open	Patrons	Revenue	Cost-Operating
Cherry Hill.....	76	15,791	\$ 2,274.55	\$ 16,003.95
Clifton.....	74	31,762	5,597.75	18,296.59
Druid Hill.....	73	31,620	6,000.35	18,566.54
Patterson.....	75	41,076	6,674.35	20,707.55
Riverside.....	74	31,739	5,357.05	16,502.72
Roosevelt.....	74	21,396	3,451.05	11,016.86
TOTALS.....	446	173,384	\$29,355.10	\$101,094.21

Year	Days Open	Patrons	Revenue	Operating Cost	Gain (Loss)
1965	446	173,384	\$29,355	\$104,776	(\$75,421)
1964	431	167,943	\$29,244	\$112,434	(\$83,190)
1963	400	165,270	\$28,663	\$105,489	(\$76,826)
1962	411	155,698	\$27,119	\$ 88,258	(\$61,139)
1961	413	171,629	\$31,814	\$ 99,483	(\$67,669)

## 16. SUMMARY OF RECREATION FACILITIES

The maintenance of existing facilities, in a condition and manner that will accommodate the recreational needs of the citizens, continued as the major activity of the Bureau. Each of the facilities listed in the following pages received a share of this maintenance.

The following chart indicates the varied facilities available to the public throughout the park system:

61 Clay Tennis Courts	1 Ice Skating Pond
51 Hard Surface Tennis Courts (10 lighted)	2 Fishing Lakes
56 Outdoor Basketball Courts	1 Boat Lake
19 Volley Ball Courts	6 Swimming Pools
41 Baseball Diamonds	8 Wading Pools
32 Little League Diamonds	2 Bathing Beaches
3 Pony League Diamonds	121 Playgrounds
92 Softball Diamonds (2 lighted)	206 Picnic Areas
34 Football Fields	1 Nine Hole Golf Course
18 Soccer Fields	2 Archery Fields
1 Lacrosse Field	1 Ice Skating Rink (Stadium)
5 Running Tracks	4 Eighteen Hole Golf Courses
2 Croquet Fields	2 Bride Trails
12 Quoit Ranges	1 Model Airplane Field
1 Cricket Field	2 Scouting Areas
1 Hockey Field	7 Skeet & Trap Ranges
1 Wildflower Preserve, Nature Trails	1 Stadium
Trails & Natural History Museum (Cylburn Park)	1 Driver Training Course
2 Outdoor Shuffle Board Courts - Patterson	1 Zoo (including Children's Zoo)
1 Badminton Court	2 Roller Skating Areas
	1 Bocci Court
	1 Natural History Museum - Maryland House

TOTAL FACILITIES.....807

The charts which follow indicate the number and location of these facilities by Division:

## RECREATION FACILITIES—CARROLL DIVISION

- 6 Clay Tennis Courts**  
6 at Carroll Park
- 13 Hard Surface Tennis Courts**  
2 at Riverside  
6 at Latrobe  
4 at Garrett Park  
1 at Curtis Bay Playground
- 10 Outdoor Basketball Courts**  
1 at Garrett Park  
2 at Latrobe Park  
1 at Curtis Bay Playground  
1 at Riverside Park  
1 at Wagner's Point Playground  
1 at Morrell Park Playground  
2 at Carroll Playground  
1 at Federal Hill Park
- 5 Volley Ball Courts**  
2 at Carroll Park  
1 at Riverside Park  
2 at Latrobe Park
- 7 Baseball Diamonds**  
1 at Latrobe Park  
1 at Swann Park  
3 at Carroll Park  
1 at Cherry Hill Park  
1 at Bay Brook Park
- 8 Little League Diamonds**  
2 at Carroll Park  
4 at Bay Brook Park  
1 at Cummins Playground  
1 at Morrell Park Playground
- 2 Pony League Diamonds**  
2 at Bay Brook Park
- 21 Softball Diamonds**  
1 at Riverside Park  
5 at Latrobe Park  
4 at Swann Park  
1 at Curtis Bay Playground  
1 at Garrett Park  
2 at Cherry Hill Park  
6 at Carroll Park  
1 at Fort Armistead
- 7 Football Fields**  
2 at Swann Park  
2 at Carroll Park  
1 at Cherry Hill Park  
1 at Bay Brook Park  
1 at Morrell Park—6 man
- 3 Soccer Fields**  
2 at Latrobe Park  
1 at Carroll Park
- 2 Running Tracks**  
1 at Carroll Park  
1 at Latrobe Park
- 11 Quoit Ranges**  
2 at Latrobe Park  
6 at Carroll Park  
1 at Riverside Park  
1 at Federal Hill Park  
1 at Garrett Park
- 2 Swimming Pools**  
1 at Riverside Park (Consisting of diving, swimming and wading pool)  
1 at Cherry Hill Park
- 2 Wading Pools**  
1 at Morrell Park  
1 at Curtis Bay Playground
- 2 Bathing Beaches**  
2 at Fort Smallwood
- 1 Nine Hole Golf Course**  
1 at Carroll Park
- 24 Playgrounds**  
1 at Carroll Park  
2 at Riverside Park  
1 at Garrett Park  
1 at Latrobe Park  
1 at Carroll Street Playground  
3 at Fort Smallwood  
1 at Cummins Playground  
1 at Beven Street Playground  
1 at Federal Hill Park  
1 at Wagner's Point Playground  
1 at Morrell Park Playground  
1 at Indiana Avenue Playground  
1 at McHenry Street Playground  
1 at Otterbein Street Tot Lot  
1 at West Street Tot Lot  
1 at Conway Street & Fremont Ave.  
1 at Washburn Avenue between 8th and 9th & Jeffery Sts.  
1 at Sydney Avenue—Westport Playground  
1 at Clements Street  
1 at Curtis Bay Playground  
1 at South Baltimore Playground—Hamburg & Sharp Sts.
- 136 Picnic Groves**  
136 at Fort Smallwood

**Total Facilities.....262**

# RECREATION FACILITIES—CLIFTON DIVISION

## 23 Clay Tennis Courts

23 at Clifton Park

## 8 Hard Surface Tennis Courts

5 at Clifton Park  
1 at DeWees Playground  
2 at North Harford Playground

## 8 Outdoor Basketball Courts

1 at Herring Run Park  
1 at Mt. Pleasant Park  
1 at Willow Avenue Playground  
1 at 23rd Street & Greenmount  
1 at DeWees Playground  
1 at Stuart Ridgley  
1 at North Harford Playground  
1 at Robertson Street Playground

## 14 Baseball Diamonds

5 at Clifton Park  
5 at Herring Run Park  
1 at Mt. Pleasant Park  
1 at Burdick Park  
1 at DeWees Playground  
1 at North Harford Playground

## 9 Little League Baseball Diamonds

7 at Herring Run Park  
1 at North Harford Playground  
1 at DeWees Playground

## 22 Softball Diamonds

13 at Clifton Park  
2 at Mt. Pleasant Park  
5 at Herring Run Park  
2 at DeWees Playground

## 12 Football Fields

3 at Clifton Park  
6 at Herring Run Park  
1 at Burdick Park  
1 at Mt. Pleasant Park  
1 at DeWees Playground

## 7 Soccer Fields

3 at Clifton Park  
2 at Herring Run Park  
1 at North Harford Playground  
1 at Mt. Pleasant Park

## 1 Lacrosse Field

1 at Clifton Park

## 1 Driver Training Course

1 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 Playground  
1 at North Harford Playground

## 2 Eighteen Hole Golf Courses

1 at Clifton Park  
1 at Mt. Pleasant

## 17 Playgrounds

1 at Burdick Park  
2 at Clifton Park  
3 at Herring Run Park  
1 at Mt. Pleasant Park  
1 at Willow Avenue  
1 at Chestnut Hill  
1 at Hunters  
1 at DeWees Playground  
1 at Hillen Road  
1 at North Harford Playground  
1 at Chinguapin Park  
1 at Rear of 1700 Woodbourne Ave.  
1 at Rear 3800 block Sinclair Lane  
1 at Robertson

## 1 Bridle Path

1 at Graham Memorial Park

## 1 Scouting Area

1 at Graham Memorial Park

## 10 Picnic Groves

1 at Clifton Park  
7 at Herring Run Park  
1 at Mt. Pleasant Park  
1 at Graham Memorial Park

## 1 Archery Range

1 at Graham Memorial Park

**Total Facilities.....145**

## RECREATION 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
  - 10 Outdoor Basketball Courts**
    - 2 at Druid Hill Park
    - 1 at Roosevelt Park
    - 1 at Towanda Park
    - 1 at Queensberry Playground
    - 1 at Mace Street Playground
    - 1 at Lucille Avenue Playground
    - 1 at Buena Vista
    - 1 at Glen Avenue Playground
    - 1 at Denmore Playground
  - 8 Volley Ball Courts**
    - 2 at Druid Hill Park
    - 1 at Roosevelt Park
    - 1 at Towanda Park
    - 1 at Lucille Avenue Playground
    - 1 at Mace Street Playground
    - 1 at Queensberry Playground
    - 1 at Glen Avenue Playground
  - 7 Baseball Diamonds**
    - 4 at Druid Hill Park
    - 1 at Roosevelt Park
    - 1 at Towanda Park
    - 1 at Medfield Heights
  - 16 Softball Diamonds**
    - 6 at Druid Hill Park (1 lighted)
    - 2 at Roosevelt Park
    - 1 at Stoney Run Park
    - 2 at Lucille Avenue Playground
    - 2 at Towanda Park
    - 2 at Medfield Heights
    - 1 at Beech Avenue
  - 5 Football Fields**
    - 2 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
  - 1 Ice Skating 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  
(Consisting of diving, swimming and wading pool.)
    - 1 at Roosevelt Park  
(Consisting of diving, swimming and wading pool.)
  - 2 Wading Pools**
    - 1 at Roosevelt Park
    - 1 at Towanda Park
  - 16 Playgrounds**
    - 4 at Druid Hill Park
    - 1 at Mace Street Playground
    - 1 at Pall Mall Playground
    - 1 at Roosevelt Park
    - 1 at Queensberry Playground
    - 1 at Towanda Park
    - 1 at Lucille Avenue Playground
    - 1 at Buena Vista Playground
    - 1 at Crisp Street
    - 1 at Fawcett Street
    - 1 at Garrison & Denmore Avenues
    - 1 at Glen Avenue Playground
    - 1 at Asbury Playground
  - 30 Picnic Groves**
    - 10 at Druid Hill Park
    - 20 at Lake Roland
  - 1 Eighteen Hole Golf Course**
    - 1 at Pine Ridge
  - 7 Skeet and Trap Fields**
    - 7 at Loch Raven
- Total Facilities.....140**

## RECREATION FACILITIES—GWYNNS FALLS DIVISION

### 10 Clay Tennis Courts

- 4 at Gwynns Falls Park
- 4 at Leakin Park
- 2 at Maiden Choice

### 8 Hard Surface Tennis Courts

- 3 at Easterwood Park
- 4 at Hanlon Park
- 1 at 269 N. Hilton Street

### 10 Outdoor Basketball Courts

- 1 at Easterwood Park
- 2 at Laurens & Gilmor Streets
- 1 at Wilkens Playground
- 1 at Cahill Center
- 1 at Franklin Playground
- 1 at Lyndhurst Memorial Playground
- 1 at Rev. Wilbur H. Waters Plgd.
- 1 at Orchard Street
- 1 at Vincent Street

### 6 Baseball Diamonds

- 1 at Hanlon Park
- 1 at Gwynns Falls Park
- 1 at Bloomingdale Oval
- 1 at Maiden Choice Park
- 1 at Leakin Park
- 1 at Walnut Oval

### 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

### 13 Softball Diamonds

- 2 at Easterwood Park
- 1 at Nichols Plgd.
- 1 at Wilkens Plgd.
- 4 at Bloomingdale Oval
- 1 at Maiden Choice Park
- 1 at Leakin Park
- 1 at Lyndhurst Memorial Park
- 1 at Daisy Field
- 1 at Franklin Plgd.

### 6 Football Fields

- 2 at Bloomingdale Oval
- 1 at Hanlon Park
- 1 at Maiden Choice Park
- 1 at Easterwood Park
- 1 at Lower Gwynns Falls Park

### 36 Playgrounds

- 1 at Penhurst
- 1 at Maiden Choice Park
- 2 at Gwynns Falls Park; Bergners-off North Avenue
- 1 at Easterwood Park
- 1 at Nichols Park
- 1 at Wildwood Pkwy. & Stokes Drive
- 2 at Hanlon Park
- 1 at Laurens & Gilmor Streets
- 1 at Orchard & Tessier Streets
- 1 at Rear 111-21 N. Amity Street
- 1 at Lafayette Ave. between Payson & Brice
- 1 at Rear 4247 Rokeby Road
- 1 at Rear 911-19 Kevin Road
- 1 at Woodridge Plgd. Rear 402 S. Fulton Ave.
- 1 at Carlton St. between Lemmon & Holton Alley
- 1 at Lyndhurst Memorial Plgd.
- 1 at Cahill Center
- 1 at Pen Lucy & Upland Parkway
- 1 at 18-28 N. Amity Street
- 1 at 100 N. Vincent Street
- 1 at 1620 Pierce Street
- 1 at 1101 Brewer Street
- 1 at Franklin Plgd.
- 1 at Rev. Wilbur R. Waters Playground
- 1 at Yale Avenue
- 1 at Flowerton Avenue
- 1 at Boyd Street
- 1 at 3000 Poplar Terrace
- 1 at 1009-13 Sarah Ann Street
- 1 at Seminole Plgd.
- 1 at Wilkens Plgd.
- 1 at St. Charles Development
- 1 at 909 Calhoun 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

### 1 Eighteen Hole Golf Course

- 1 at Forest Park

**Total Facilities.....132**

## RECREATION FACILITIES—PATTERSON DIVISION

### 2 Outside Shuffle Board Courts

- 2 at Patterson Park

### 1 Bocci Court

- 1 at John Booth Recreation Center

### 1 Badminton Court

- 1 at Patterson Park

### 12 Clay Tennis Courts

- 12 at Patterson Park

**3 Hard Surface Tennis Courts**

- 2 at Patterson Park
- 1 at Bocek Playground

**18 Outdoor Basketball Courts**

- 5 at Patterson Park
- 1 at Joseph Lee
- 2 at Princeton Place
- 1 at Luzerne Avenue Playground
- 1 at Canton Market Playground
- 1 at Boston Street Playground
- 1 at Ambrose J. Kennedy Playground
- 1 at Elmley Avenue Playground
- 1 at Orleans Street Playground
- 1 at City Springs
- 1 at Bocek Field
- 1 at St. Leo's Pratt Street
- 1 at Gardenville Recreation Center

**6 Volley Ball Courts**

- 2 at Patterson Park
- 1 at Joseph Lee
- 1 at Luzerne Avenue Playground
- 1 at Canton Market
- 1 at Ambrose Kennedy Playground

**7 Baseball Diamonds**

- 3 at Patterson Park
- 1 at Joseph Lee Playfield
- 1 at Bocek Playfield
- 1 at Lower Herring Run
- 1 at Gardenville

**7 Little League Baseball Diamonds**

- 1 at Patterson Park
- 2 at Joseph Lee
- 1 at President Street
- 1 at Bocek
- 2 at Gardenville

**20 Softball Diamonds**

- 11 at Patterson Park
- 2 at Boston Street Playground
- 1 at Elmley Avenue Playground
- 1 at Ambrose Kennedy Playground
- 1 at City Springs
- 1 at Orleans Street Playground
- 2 at Bocek Playfield
- 1 at Gardenville

**4 Football Fields**

- 1 at Patterson Park
- 1 at Boston Street Playground
- 1 at Bocek Playfield
- 1 at Gardenville

**8 Soccer Fields**

- 4 at Patterson Park
- 1 at Boston Street Playground
- 1 at Joseph Lee Playfield
- 1 at Bocek Playfield
- 1 at Gardenville

**1 Hockey Field**

- 1 at Patterson Park

**1 Running Track**

- 1 at Patterson Park

**1 Quoit Shed**

- 1 at Patterson Park

**2 Roller Skating Rinks**

- 2 at Patterson Park

**1 Swimming Pool**

- 1 at Patterson Park (Consisting of diving, swimming & wading pool)

**27 Playgrounds**

- 1 at Bocek
- 1 at Princeton Place
- 1 at Luzerne Avenue Playground
- 2 at Patterson Park
- 1 at Boston Street Playground
- 1 at Joseph Lee
- 1 at Canton Market Playground
- 1 at City Springs
- 1 at Stiles Street Playground
- 1 at Ambrose Kennedy Playground
- 1 at Elmley Avenue Playground
- 1 at Janey Street Playground
- 1 at St. Helena Playground
- 1 at Hoffman Street Playground
- 1 at Curley Street Tot Lot
- 1 at Shuter Street Tot Lot
- 1 at St. Leo's Pratt Street
- 1 at Dallas Street
- 2 at Ellsworth Street
- 1 at Fagley Street
- 1 at Orleans Street Playground
- 1 at Gardenville Rec. Center
- 1 at Cedonia Avenue Plgd.
- 1 at Whitby Road Plgd.
- 1 at Bucknell & Moore's Run Drive Plgd.

**Total Facilities.....122**

**RECREATION FACILITIES—ZOO DIVISION****1 Playground**

- 1 at Children's Zoo

**RECREATION FACILITIES—OTHER DIVISIONS**

- 1 Wildflower Preserve, Nature Trails and Natural History Museum at Cylburn Park.
- 1 Stadium
- 1 Ice Skating Rink at Stadium
- 1 Zoo
- 1 Natural History Museum at Maryland House

**CITY OF BALTIMORE**  
**DEPARTMENT OF FINANCE**  
**BUREAU OF PARKS**

Summary Cost Statement of Operating Expenses for the Year 1965

**1—GENERAL EXPENSES**

11	Administrative Expenses—Executive Division	\$85,677.69
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**2—OPERATING EXPENSES**

21	Operating Management Expenses.....	\$666,973.80
22	Squares, Blvd. Parking and Special Lot Expenses.....	110,432.05
23	Playground Expenses.....	41,722.51
24	Small Parks Expenses.....	148,319.13
25	Large Parks Expenses.....	827,709.39
25-A	Stadium Expenses.....	229,463.50
25-F	Ice Rink Expenses.....	28,799.30
26	Golf Expenses.....	385,322.79
27	Pools Expenses.....	101,094.21
28	Zoological Expenses.....	327,999.27
29-A	Fire Damage.....	2,115.96
29-B	Forestry Nursery Expenses.....	10,228.85
29-C	Forestry Expense—Public Highways.....	283,866.50
29-E	Blvd. Parking—Public Highways.....	61,333.63
		3,221,148.97

**3—MAINTENANCE EXPENSES**

31	General Repairs.....	\$ 73,845.35
32	Squares, Blvd. Parking and Special Lot Repairs.....	19,091.16
33	Playground Repairs.....	19,507.98
34	Small Parks Repairs.....	33,934.57
35	Large Parks Repairs.....	256,849.84
35-A	Stadium Repairs.....	78,588.80
35-F	Ice Rink Repairs.....	3,742.93
36	Golf Repairs.....	35,460.15
37	Pools Repairs.....	23,611.97
38	Zoological Repairs.....	33,400.95
39	Vandalism.....	18,090.07
		596,123.77

**4—MISCELLANEOUS REVENUE AND EXPENSES**

46-A	Gratuitous Work.....	\$ 20,601.20
46-B	Special Services Rendered Other Bureaus.....	1,923.92
46-C	Gas & Oil for Police Dept. Scooters.....	445.04
47	Sundry Revenues and Expenses.....	298.49
		23,268.65



## 5 -- FUNDED DEBT

54	Interest Expense.....	\$146,373.98	
56	Amortization.....	893,045.00	\$1,039,418.98
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## 6 -- FIXED ASSETS AND FUNDS

60-A	Construction Work -- Levy Appropriations.....	\$ 35,798.80	
61	General Properties.....	920.20	
65	Large Park Properties.....	1,284.43	
68	Zoological Properties.....	1,710.36	
69	Miscellaneous Properties.....	28,117.30	67,831.09
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### TOTAL EXPENSES -- BUREAU OF PARKS FUNDS.....

\$5,033,469.15

42-4	Accessory Enterprises (Billwork).....	33,940.40	
60-B	Wyman Park Funds.....	119.43	
60-C	Construction Work -- Parks Capital Improvements.....	110,286.78	
60-F	Construction Work -- 4th Parks Serial.....	65,521.15	
60-H	Construction Work -- Recreation & Parks Bldg. Serial.....	518.81	
60-J	Construction Work -- Third Parks Serial.....	49,744.44	
60-L	Jones Falls Valley Park Serial.....	11,407.58	
60-M	Construction Work -- Recreation & Parks Bldg. Serial (Third).....		28.70
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GRAND TOTAL..... \$5,305,036.44

**CITY OF BALTIMORE  
DEPARTMENT OF FINANCE  
BUREAU OF PARKS**

Statement of Revenue for the Year 1965

**Playgrounds and Playfields**

Carroll—Lockers, Soap and Towels.....	\$	313.70	
Patterson—Lockers, Soap and Towels.....		991.90	\$ 1,305.60

**Golf**

Carroll.....			
Greens Fees.....	\$	25,265.10	
Lockers, Soap and Towels.....		69.60	25,334.70

**Clifton**

Greens Fees.....	\$	84,567.25	
Lockers, Soap and Towels.....		596.80	85,164.05

**Pine Ridge**

Greens Fees.....	\$	125,943.00	
Lockers, Soap and Towels.....		643.75	
Power Golf Carts.....		3,025.80	129,612.55

**Forest Park**

Greens Fees.....	\$	82,522.50	
Lockers, Soap and Towels.....		1,220.60	
Power Golf Carts.....		951.40	84,694.50

**Mt. Pleasant**

Greens Fees.....	\$	88,908.50	
Lockers, Soap and Towels.....		190.10	
Power Golf Carts.....		1,335.60	90,434.20
			415,240.00

**Swimming and Wading Pools**

Clifton.....	\$	5,597.75	
Druid Hill #1.....		5,999.70	
Patterson.....		6,874.35	
Riverside.....		5,357.05	
Roosevelt.....		3,451.75	
Cherry Hill.....		2,274.55	29,555.15

**Ice Rink**

Admissions.....	\$	27,612.00	
Concessions.....		6,316.31	
Miscellaneous.....		668.50	34,596.81

**Concessions**

Selling Concession Contract (Other than Fort Smallwood and Stadium)...	\$35,523.95		
Coin Operated Binoculars (Patterson & Federal Hill Parks).....	139.08	\$35,663.03	
Miniature Railway at Zoo (Safari).....		6,132.08	
Childrens Zoo			
Admissions.....	\$40,228.40		
Miniature Railway.....	6,375.41		
Carousel.....	3,023.53	49,627.34	
<b>Concessions - Fort Smallwood</b>			
Beach and Vending Revenue.....	\$ 4,083.76		
Amusement Rides.....	397.34		
Parking.....	15,199.25	19,680.35	\$ 111,102.80

**Stadium**

Baseball Rentals (Balto. Orioles).....	\$102,348.99		
Baseball Rentals (Others).....	411.33		
Baseball Concessions (Others).....	117.51		
Football Rentals (Colts).....	163,897.79		
Football Rentals (High School & Others).....	700.00		
Baseball Concessions (Balto. Orioles).....	64,473.54		
Football Concessions (Colts).....	34,991.96		
Football Concessions (Others).....	1,453.96		
Other Rentals (Stadium Events).....	1,750.00		
Other Concessions.....	1,914.19		
Telephone Commissions.....	1,072.26		
Advertising Commission.....	21,500.00		
Sale of Electricity.....	19,111.73		
Parking Concessions.....	15,704.93		
Parking Concessions (Venable).....	20,226.74		
Office Rental (Balto. Baseball Club).....	1,845.00		
Office Rental (Colts).....	1,500.00		
Miscellaneous.....	200.00		453,219.93

**Miscellaneous**

Rental Real Property.....	\$ 4,292.00		
Sale of Electricity (Other than Stadium).....	1,794.34		
Commissions on Telephones (Other than Stadium).....	572.75		
Colonial Dames.....	250.00		
Sundry Revenue.....	324.17		7,233.26

<b>Baltimore Transit Bus Tax</b> .....		284,445.01	
<b>Buses - Other than Baltimore Transit</b> .....		1,292.41	
<b>Baltimore Transit Company Special Tax</b> .....		190,042.90	
<b>TOTAL REVENUE</b> .....		\$1,528,033.87	

**CITY OF BALTIMORE**  
**DEPARTMENT OF FINANCE**  
**BUREAU OF PARKS**

Financial Statement of Appropriations and Loan Funds as of December 31, 1965

Account	Description	Forwarded From 1964	Appropriations	Increments	Total Credits	Expenditures	Encumbrances	Total Expenditures	Balance
8.013	Salaries.....	-	\$ 549,104.00	\$ 2,596.00	\$ 551,700.00	\$ 518,808.09	-	\$ 518,808.09	\$ 32,891.91
8.014	Labor.....	-	2,155,737.00	(12,021.37)	\$2,143,715.63	2,031,035.99	-	2,031,035.99	112,679.64
8.029	Pools Labor.....	-	60,000.00	9,425.37	69,425.37	69,425.37	-	69,425.37	0.00
8.015	Expenses	-	681,838.00	1,300.00	683,138.00	638,903.95	\$206,542.00	845,445.95	(162,307.95)
	<b>SUB-TOTAL</b>	-	<b>\$3,446,679.00</b>	<b>\$1,300.00</b>	<b>\$3,447,979.00</b>	<b>\$3,258,173.40</b>	<b>\$206,542.00</b>	<b>\$3,464,715.40</b>	<b>(16,736.40)</b>
8.210	Compensated Work.....	-	-	29,681.88	29,681.88	26,220.95	-	26,220.95	3,460.93
	From Other Funds.....	-	-	13,275.47	13,275.47	-	-	-	13,275.47
	<b>TOTAL</b> .....	-	<b>\$3,446,679.00</b>	<b>\$44,257.35</b>	<b>\$3,490,936.35</b>	<b>\$3,284,394.35</b>	<b>\$206,542.00</b>	<b>\$3,490,936.35</b>	<b>\$ 0.00</b>
8.033	Wyman Park Funds.....	\$11,189.22	-	-	11,189.22	299.43	-	299.43	10,889.79
8.028	Capital Improvements.....	82,007.00	100,000.00	-	182,007.00	110,305.66	28,386.00	138,691.66	43,315.34
8.302	3rd. Rec. & Parks Loan Serial...	-	388,000.00	(388,000.00)	0.00	-	-	-	0.00
8.305	4th. Parks Loan - Site Acqs.....	427,905.03	625,000.00	-	1,052,905.03	65,521.15	60,688.00	126,209.15	926,695.88
8.311	Jones Falls Va. Pk.....	2,154,350.03	500,000.00	-	2,654,350.03	(86,092.42)	-	(86,092.42)	2,740,442.45
8.334	3rd Parks Loan Bldg. Constr....	370,139.50	-	-	370,139.50	(25,246.96)	153,367.00	128,120.04	242,019.46
8.342	3rd. Parks Loan Constr.....	-	-	388,000.00	388,000.00	28.70	111,836.00	111,864.70	276,135.30
8.339	Parks Loan Bldg. Constr.....	14,884.98	-	-	14,884.98	518.81	-	518.81	14,366.17
	To Other Funds.....	-	-	(19,703.06)	(19,703.06)	-	-	-	(19,703.06)
	Forwarded 1966.....	-	-	(4,234,161.33)	(4,234,161.33)	-	-	-	(4,234,161.33)
	<b>GRAND TOTAL</b> .....	<b>\$3,060,475.76</b>	<b>\$5,059,679.00</b>	<b>(4,209,607.04)</b>	<b>\$3,910,547.72</b>	<b>\$3,349,728.72</b>	<b>\$560,819.00</b>	<b>\$3,910,547.72</b>	<b>\$0.00</b>

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## B. BUREAU OF RECREATION

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

### A QUARTER OF A CENTURY

Twenty-six years ago, on January 1, 1940, the City of Baltimore officially created a public recreation agency to operate recreation programs and to work toward the expansion of recreation facilities.

The Long Range Recreation Plan, published in April 1943 served as a guide for the construction of much needed facilities. The voters of the city have approved \$8,600,000 in loan funds for this purpose.

The Bureau of Recreation has constructed 16 recreation centers and funds and architectural plans are available for the construction of 10 more. The outstanding accomplishment in this area has been the construction of 9 centers which are directly attached to school buildings making the school gymnasium and playground convenient for recreation use.

A total of 32 new playgrounds and playfields have been built and the construction of two additional playgrounds will get underway early next year. Field houses have been built on 19 of these areas and 13 wading pools have added to the usefulness of these playgrounds. The construction of new baseball, softball and football fields provided added facilities for sandlot sports games.

Expansion of program opportunities has kept pace with the expansion of facilities. The following services have been added to the program since the City assumed the full responsibility: the Travelling Playleader program; the formation of the Division of Amateur Sports; the Junior and Senior Volunteer Corps; the development of Golden Age Clubs and centers for senior citizens; specific attention to the needs of problem youth through the Street Club Worker project and the Special Services for Youth program; active leadership and direction in the organization of the Cylburn Wildflower Preserve and Garden Center and a fine start in a program of Recreation for Handicapped children and adults which includes the mentally retarded, the emotionally disturbed, the crippled, deaf and blind. The total attendance of the Bureau activities increased from 2,760,010 to 4,908,855 in 1965.

The staff of the Bureau has increased from 53 employees in 1940 to 286 in 1965. This increase in personnel pointed up the need for the continuous training of recreation leaders.

The In-service Training School for Recreation Leaders, the Intensive Training School for Summer Playground Leaders and special institutes for training in specific activities have met this need. The distribution of Manuals to employees in different categories of work, a tape recording for the orientation of new leaders, a Weekly Staff Bulletin and the semi-annual Planned Activity Programs have all contributed toward increasing employee efficiency and effectiveness.

### TRAINING SCHOOL & INSTITUTES

The regular In-Service Training School met once a week for a 30 week period with classes and topics geared to three divisions of our leadership: 1. new or inexperienced; 2. intermediate and 3. the experienced director.

Several community leaders were invited to present current and future trends in their respective fields such as the Anti-Poverty program and college representatives discussing curricula including recreation courses.

Orientation Institutes and classes were conducted for new members added to the staff during the year. The Leader's Manual on policies and procedures and the tape recording on Orientation proved very helpful in indoctrinating the new leaders.

Institutes were conducted in regard to specific activities that needed intensive emphasis.

These Institutes met for three or four one and one-half hour sessions on a weekly basis and included such topics as:

Physical Fitness	Nature
(Circuit Training)	Music
Baton	Sports Leagues

## VOLUNTEER CORPS

The Bureau of Recreation Volunteer Corps experienced continued growth in both number of hours served and the scope of duties performed during the past year when 1571 junior volunteers involving 58 recreation centers served a total of 103,761 hours and 517 senior volunteers from 47 centers recorded 31,915 hours. The resultant total of 135,676 hours represents the hourly equivalent of 71 full-time recreation leaders and is an increase of 13,269 hours over last year's aggregate.

The Bureau of Recreation, at its Annual Awards Banquet in November, officially cited 384 junior volunteers and 123 senior volunteers for having earned individual awards of certificates for 100 hours of service, pins for 250 hours of service and bars for each additional two hundred and fifty hours of service. The president and members of the Board of Recreation and Parks presented these awards to the volunteers. Mr. Thomas D'Alesandro, III, President of the Baltimore City Council and Mr. Hyman Pressman, Comptroller, extended greetings and congratulations on behalf of the city of Baltimore. Guest Speaker for the occasion was Mrs. Mary B. Adams, recently appointed Director of the Volunteer Service Corps with the Community Action Agency of this city, who selected the theme "The Time To Volunteer Is Now" for her stimulating address.

The distinction for having the largest number of awardees was earned by Madison Square Recreation Center which had 84 junior volunteers eligible and the Patterson Park Casino which qualified 12 of its members. Mr. Matthew Pyle of the Brooklyn Recreation Center, was acknowledged by the group for having recorded 6357 hours of volunteer-service since 1958.

In recognition of his impending retirement, the Volunteer Corps presented Mr. Harold S. Callowhill, Superintendent, an engraved silver tray as a token of appreciation for his years of dedicated service to the community.

## SPECIAL SERVICE FOR YOUTH

Several years ago, the Bureau of Recreation initiated a Special Service for Youth Program through which the recreation leaders on playgrounds and recreation centers are assigned to work with boys and girls who present behavior problems at the school which they attend. This experimental program attempts to approach the problem child through competent leadership in recreation situations, as the Bureau believes that regular participation in a diversified recreation program under competent leadership can change the child's attitude and behavior to a significant degree. With this philosophy in mind, the Bureau requires, as a year-round job responsibility, that each full-time leader work with two elementary school children who seem to have difficulty in making an adjustment in school or in the community. With the approval of the Superintendent of Public Schools, the names of such children are secured by the recreation leader through contact with the school representative of the school nearest to his playground or recreation center.

This project has brought positive results over the last two years.

One hundred and ninety-seven questionnaires were evaluated in 1964-65, by school personnel participating in the Special Service for Youth Program, on which the question was asked: "In your opinion, do you believe that the effort on behalf of the child by the representative of the Bureau of Recreation have been a factor to helping him to improve in his behavior problem?"

The tabulation of replies for a two year period is as follows:

<i>1964-65</i>	<i>Boys</i>	<i>Girls</i>	<i>Total</i>
Yes	91	26	117
No	25	3	28
Undecided	44	8	52
	<hr/> 160	<hr/> 37	<hr/> 197
 <i>1963-64</i>			
Yes	77	16	93
No	22	6	28
Undecided	38	8	46
	<hr/> 137	<hr/> 30	<hr/> 167

An affirmative reply to 117 cases out of 197 in 1964-65 and to 93 cases out of 167 in 1963-64 is a high rate of achievement. A percentage of 59.3 in 1964-65 and 55.6 in 1963-64.

These results are especially significant when one realizes that the children included in the Special Service for Youth Program are ones that are probably the worst behaved in the school—therefore we are not at all amazed when a school representative states: "I would rather not answer the question yes or no but would state it as follows: John Doe, Case number 121A, has not improved enough to rate him satisfactory because of his attendance at the recreation center. His behavior problem in the classroom "stand-out" because of his activities in recreation. He evidently excels in many physical activities and wants to take the lead. How-

ever, in classroom situations not involving recreation activities, he does not excel. This accounts for his not being a good follower and his aggressive behavior toward his classmates."

We realize that each case is different and as such we don't expect to win them all. We have found, however, that quiet friendly talks and through the use of the basic philosophy, for this program, has enabled the recreation leader to bring his influence and guidance to many other children who attend his playground or recreation center and it is reasonable to assume that his influence for good extends far beyond the two children on whom records are kept.

## RECREATION FOR THE HANDICAPPED

Recreational Services for the Handicapped is a completely new area of programming which began in the early fall of 1965. A supervisor was appointed to work exclusively with individuals with physical, mental and emotional handicaps. A training manual for leaders explaining the very special skills and requirements needed for this work was written by the Supervisor and is being used to train leaders and teachers. Long range plans to meet the needs of blind, deaf, physically handicapped, emotionally disturbed and mentally retarded children and adults of Baltimore have begun to bear fruit.

Special classes taught by carefully selected, skilled and experienced leaders have been formed, and programs of social activity have been offered to this segment of the city's population.

Each of these activities has brought forth a response of unexpectedly large proportion. Agencies concerned with the welfare of handicapped people responded to the announcement of this program with much enthusiasm and have sent us many referrals. Volunteer groups have expressed an interest and a desire to help. The Christmas program for emotionally disturbed people was sponsored by fourteen civic and fraternal groups and individual business firms who gave both tangible and intangible assistance. The Girl Scouts of America are conducting a training program for girls fifteen to seventeen years of age to act as volunteer assistants wherever needed in the various programs for the handicapped.

In September of 1965, the Perry Point Veterans Hospital requested recreational activities and skill classes planned specifically to assist emotionally disturbed veterans of the armed forces to re-enter community life. Working in conjunction with this hospital and the Veteran's Day Care Center, classes and weekly social activity were carefully planned, and are being enjoyed by a large group of veterans at the Howard Park Recreation Center. Both the Bureau of Recreation and Perry Point Hospital personnel have noted a beneficial change in the outlook of many of these men. One of the outstanding things that has happened as a result of this program is the acceptance of responsibility by veterans who had previously been completely dependent. The Spring Grove State Hospital has sent key personnel to observe our programs and is presently sending workers to "learn how to really conduct programs".

Work is being done with physically handicapped youngsters, most of whom have been referred by the William S. Baer School and the Balti-



more League for Crippled Children and Adults. Special skill classes are being conducted at the Mt. Royal Recreation Center three times a week. All activities for this group are planned to meet the unique recreational requirements, and to establish the confidence and feeling of acceptance that the children need. There is a great need for transportation facilities to bring the children to the activities. Many of them live in crowded substandard housing facilities, have no recreational outlets, and there is no car in the family. Other children who live in less crowded, more affluent sections of the city, need the social contact of their peers which they cannot have in their own neighborhoods. The problem of transportation is being looked into by our Bureau, several Lion's Clubs, and the Baltimore Junior Association of Commerce as well as other groups.

Programs for mentally retarded adults are being conducted every Saturday night in two areas of the city, the Towanda Recreation Center and the Curtis Bay Recreation Center, for individuals referred by the Maryland Association for the Mentally Retarded as well as unaffiliated members of the community. A warm and empathetic leader conducts social and self-help activities for this group.

The Baltimore Hearing Society has sent us a large group of deaf and in some cases, deaf-mute teenagers. This group is interested in the various activities that "normal" teenagers like. Folk dancing, movies, trips and athletic activities have been planned at the Dewees Recreation Center, always keeping in mind the special needs and problems of these children.

The Maryland Workshop for the Blind and other agencies concerned with blind adults have met with us on several occasions and from these meetings has evolved a program which includes community service, household and domestic arts, classic and steel sculpture, manual arts, musical programs, trips, bowling, and sports. This group meets twice weekly at the Northwood Recreation Center, and is led by a warm, skilled, and experienced leader.

Program for physically handicapped adults as well as for mentally retarded youngsters under twelve years of age is in the planning stages.

A Technical Advisory Committee has been formed, chaired by a prominent psychiatrist, including outstanding members of the medical profession, heads of agencies concerned with the physical, mental, and social welfare of handicapped people, and staff of the Bureau of Recreation. This committee will meet four times a year. Our ultimate plan is to extend our program to include all people with any kind of handicap, and whenever possible, to assist them to successfully integrate into the community.

#### SENIOR CITIZEN PROGRAM

The senior citizen program of the Bureau has been extended this year in many ways. New clubs were opened at Northwood and Fairfield Recreation Centers, and the membership of the old clubs has been increased so that more than 2,000 people are being served. Hamilton, Patterson Park, Cahill, Harlem Park, Lafayette, South Baltimore, Perkins, Roosevelt, and Howard Park have added extra sessions each week for special activities such as painting, ceramics, bowling and talent shows. The positive results of these special programs were evident at the Senior

Citizens Hobby Show at the Civic Center in May. Our arts and crafts display was by far the largest and most attractive in the show. Also, the entertainment offered by our clubs was outstanding. Because of the success of our 1964 art show in Mondawmin, the time this year was doubled and the work was on display for two weeks. The Patterson Park group had their own outdoor art show in October with paintings displayed in the park.

The groups have been busy not only with social and recreational activities but have been greatly involved in educational and service programs. O'Donnell Heights has visited City Hospitals bringing entertainment and small gifts to patients. Ambulatory patients have come to the club meetings as guests. This was also done by Roosevelt. Lexington-Poe works regularly at Provident Hospital. Other groups have worked regularly for the Maryland Tuberculosis Association, Good Will Industries, Baltimore Mental Health Association, Crownsville, Springfield and many others. Many senior citizens received awards for volunteer service in the various recreation centers. They sponsored children's Christmas parties, assisted leaders in various activities, and were actively involved in center affairs. The Department of Public Welfare recently solicited our members to act as volunteers to set up recreation programs for patients in nursing homes. This is being implemented at the present time. VISTA volunteers were solicited from our members and several of them were asked to serve on the advisory board of Operation Reason.

The health education programs, co-sponsored with the Baltimore Commission on Problems of the Aging, were continued and many clubs participated. This educational program was followed up by making available to our members chest x-rays, diabetes tests and tests for sight and hearing. After the passing of the bill on Medicare, pamphlets were distributed to members and speakers were made available to clarify the bill.

Training sessions were continued. In the spring, a four-day workshop was co-sponsored with the Baltimore Commission on Problems of the Aging. Four sessions each were offered to staff and officers of golden age clubs. The Baltimore Council AFL-CIO donated use of their auditorium for this workshop and the sessions were open to all groups in the city without charge. In October, an additional two-day workshop for staff was given, co-sponsored by the Metropolitan Senior Citizens Center.

In order to promote good will between clubs, improve programs and band together for the betterment of senior citizens, a council was organized of presidents and vice-presidents. This council met three times in 1965 and it is planned to have meetings every three months in the future. Attendance has been excellent, and the results have been positive. Members have exchanged ideas, discussed various problems within their clubs, cooperated in planning individual programs and group programs as well.

The ground work was laid for a city-wide senior citizen newspaper and a senior citizen summer camp. It is hoped that these two projects will materialize next year.

In addition, the Supervisor of Senior Citizens served on a committee of the State Commission on Aging investigating the recreation opportunities which are available in nursing homes. Recommendations made by this committee were submitted to the Health Department.

The long awaited John Booth Center will open early next year. Funds for air-conditioning and furniture were donated by the United Auto Workers. The center will be open to senior citizens five days a week and it is the first center to be built specifically for this purpose.

The gains made have been notable and in each year, as the older population increases and needs are recognized by the community, more clubs and better facilities and programs will follow.

## **STREET CLUB WORKER PROJECT**

### **Scope of Service**

This Service allows the Bureau of Recreation to reach out effectively and engage selected groups of gangs of pre-adolescent and adolescent youth in constructive relationships and activities. The groups were chosen because of reported anti-social or non-conforming behavior. The Street Club Worker approach, which has proven very effective in Baltimore City, grew out of a successful demonstration project of the Health and Welfare Council and the Bureau of Recreation through a grant from the Playground Athletic League Endowment fund. The Service has a Technical Advisory Committee composed of professional workers who are affiliated with community service agencies.

### **Funds for Service**

Money has been allotted by Baltimore City. Additional funds have come from the Office of Economic Opportunity through the local Community Action Agency. Since the expanded program, we now have a staff of 23 workers. Two additional supervisors will be employed as part of the support from the Office of Economic Opportunity.

### **Number Served to Date**

The 52 teenage groups which are being served to date have been located throughout the City of Baltimore. About 660 youths are actually receiving service. The major concentration is within the 15 neighborhoods identified for initial implementation of the Community Action Program in East Baltimore. According to surveys made in other areas of the City and referrals made to the Street Club Service by other Agencies, our intake will exceed the 52 groups with no let-up in sight. With our present staff, intake will have to be curtailed in the near future and we are currently trying to determine how to expedite this.

### **Implications**

Certainly no conclusions can be drawn from such a limited sample of 52 groups. However, our facts indicate that highly structured gangs may not be the common type of delinquent group. We are finding that small, loosely organized "clusters" are the common thing in most of the neighborhoods. This should be recognized when we attempt to identify and select groups for service. We have found that a different emphasis and approach will be used to be effective with "clusters" than is used with "gangs." The lack of organization or structure may make it easier for a Worker to approach and be accepted by a group; but it also may mean that

the Worker will need to assume a somewhat different role. The lack of structure may mean that the group members are more influenced by people and situations outside of the group than would be the case with a highly structured group.

### Helping Youth to Speak for Themselves

The Service has shown that delinquent youth and young adults from low income areas can be reached. The following case illustrates the role of the Street Club Worker in a crisis situation:

During the Labor Day weekend, in 1965, the newspapers reported the possibility of "riots" by individuals and groups which seemed to be loosely organized but nevertheless identifiable as troublesome. The use of a Street Club Worker was an important component in seeking out the possible trouble makers. Contact was made in the neighborhood and a meeting was held at the Central Office to discuss the basis of the problem. Meetings were held with other community agencies. The Worker did not restrict himself to the official operating hours observed by the Bureau, but stayed in consistent contact with the group at very odd hours. The difficulty encountered by the Worker in this situation offers further documentation of success of the Street Club Worker approach in relating to what appears to be a crisis situation and the success of such a program.

### Maintaining Liaison with Other Agencies

The Street Club Service is in constant working contact with officials in the Community Action Agency, Volunteer Service Corps of the Health and Welfare Council, BURHA, Army Rejected Project of the National Committee for Children and Youth, Job Corps, Youth Opportunity Center, Department of Public Welfare, and other community service agencies. It presents information on neighborhood problems and local resources, and/or obtains information on programs for its members. Major concerns are: employment opportunities and job training, consumer education, concerted services in public housing, and individual and group leadership training for participation in community affairs. Currently some Street Workers' offices are located in neighborhood centers with the Community Action Agency, church owned property, private realtors, etc.

### Public Information

Information about the programs under the Street Club Service has been sent to the national press in an effort to increase public awareness of the Service. The Service is now initiating professional awareness through an initial publication of a book review in *Crime and Delinquency*, a journal published by the National Council on Crime and Delinquency.

## CYLBURN WILDFLOWER PRESERVE AND GARDEN CENTER

The year from January through December, 1965, has been one of activity and advancement for the Cylburn Wildflower Preserve and Garden Center. There have been many more school classes taking advantage of this area to acquaint the children with conservation and natural history.

Mr. Bluett Green, Park Naturalist, has interpreted The World of Living Things for 192 classes, a total of 6,400 children. During June and July, 18 classes and groups visited Cylburn.



*School class at Cylburn after out-of-doors instruction.*

The Baltimore Chapter of the Maryland Ornithological Society has given bird talks and conducted trips to watch birds to 99 classes totaling 3,331 elementary school children.

The central part of the Formal Garden has been planted this year. This was made possible through contributions from Garden Clubs in the 3rd and 4th districts of the Federated Garden Clubs of Maryland.

Through the efforts of Garden Clubs, we hope to have small English box plants to eventually edge the formal garden and outline the flower borders. The perennial flower borders will be planted as soon as funds are available.

The museum has been improved this year. Displays are changed once a month. Mounted specimens of native animals and birds add to its interest for youth and adults. The greatest attraction this spring has been the observation frames of bees. Recently a large tank was purchased to be used for the display of game fish. Other tanks were donated for display of turtles, snakes and fish.

The grant of \$2,000 from the Deiches Free Library fund has purchased many volumes of books on horticulture and natural history subjects. Only \$100 remains to be spent. These books and gifts of books are catalogued and available for reference in the Library on the second floor.

The Open House on Sundays have been successful and have acquainted many local and out-of-town guests with this conservation area. The talks, demonstrations and walks held on these Sundays have been popular. Members of the Cylburn organization have been hostesses on these days. They are part of the program offered by the cooperating organizations. The program of activities is printed and sent to members and friends.

An addition this year is the Newsletter sent to members to keep them up to date with the events of the organization and its members.

The trails and bog area have been cared for by the various chairmen. They have been busy collecting, planting, weeding and making labels for the outstanding wild flowers, trees and shrubs. Over 100 berried shrubs have been planted on the bird walk.

Conferences were held with the Curriculum Committee of the Department of Education and a Workshop for Teachers was started to give them background information in nature study and conservation. This will help them prepare the students for a trip to Cylburn and enable the teachers to continue the studies in the classroom. More than 160 teachers applied for the workshop. Only 45 could participate.

### **Plans for the Future**

1. Preliminary talks with the Department of Education Science Supervisor have indicated the need to hold a Teacher's Workshop on Greenhouse Management. Many schools are being built with greenhouses attached. This workshop will be discussed at length for next year.

2. Planting of the remaining flower borders of the Formal Garden.

3. Enclosing formal area with a box hedge.

4. With the approval of the Department of Recreation and Parks it may be possible to obtain a Department of Education teacher to assist the Park Naturalist. The number of school classes that visit Cylburn increases each year.

Bureau of Parks has agreed to:

1. Partition a part of a greenhouse and re-arrange it for use for instruction of students, both youth and adults.

2. Maintain the Formal Garden.

## ATTENDANCE AT CYLBURN ACTIVITIES January 1 through December 31, 1965

	<i>Number of Classes</i>	<i>Number of Persons</i>	<i>Totals</i>
School classes conducted by the			
Park Naturalist.....	192	6,400	
Maryland Ornithological Society Classes.....	99	3,331	9,731
Walks conducted by the Park Naturalist.....		577	
Cylburn Organization Walks.....		869	
Maryland Ornithological Society Walks.....		1,504	
Talks by Park Naturalist.....		1,340	
Open House Days.....		3,197	7,487
TOTALS.....	291		17,218

### NATURE AND GARDENING

A "Keep Maryland Beautiful" poster contest was held early in the year to keep the children conscious of their responsibility to keep the centers and playgrounds clean. The posters were judged in two categories, idea and art work. They were further broken down into age groups so children would be competing with their peers.

There were 203 posters submitted from 30 centers throughout the city. All posters were sent to the Keep Maryland Beautiful Office where they were judged by members of the Governor's Committee. Forty-two young people were winners. Of these winners, eleven young people were first place winners. They had the distinction of having their certificates and "Keep Maryland Beautiful" pins awarded to them by Mayor McKeldin in his office at City Hall.

To continue keeping before the children and their parents this need to keep Baltimore and Maryland clean, the Keep Maryland Beautiful Committee cooperated with the Bureau by supplying 317 decals for trash containers, 1319 Travel Trash bags and 1300 buttons for distribution to centers and playgrounds. With this cooperation there is a continual improvement in the appearance of the playgrounds and centers.

A Traveling Museum with specimens of snakes, birds, etc., and some live turtles augmented by charts, was an excellent experience for 2,031 children at ten centers within the city where they were privileged to see this display scheduled one morning or afternoon in June and again in August. Mrs. Myrtle Burge, Director of Elmer Henderson Recreation Center, expressed the reaction to this Traveling Museum when she said, "Mr. Edwin Lynch was most enjoyable as he emphasized animal and plant life common to Maryland. He was well received and enjoyed by all. He answered many questions that the day campers had. The museum presented each one with a greater love and respect for our wildlife, and how wildlife should be appreciated and cared for. The day campers were able to see the cycle of life, each has its proper place and one is dependent upon the other for survival. We are looking forward to many returns of our Traveling Museum-Zoo as a part of our nature program in our center. As

a result of Mr. Lynch's visit, day-campers have shared many of their pets and plants with us. They have also been working in our own garden with greater enthusiasm and interest for plant life."

Nature groups for children during the winter continue indoors with varied programs at more than 60 centers. They include projects about animal homes, snakes, ants, bees, the migration of birds, pets and, of course, the growing of plants indoors. Active games, nature crafts and making Christmas decorations keep the programs active and interesting.

At Leith Walk Center the children are most interested in their nature room where there are shelves filled with books on nature subjects and preserved specimens of insects. There are also live turtles, fish and animals brought in by children as they are discussed. This makes this room enjoyable. It is a general meeting place for the children of the class. Small chairs, just the size for the nature group, make this group "special" and keep their interest throughout the year.

## **GARDENS AND NATURE**

In the early summer, gardens for children at centers and playgrounds throughout the city were entered in the Women's Civic League-Sunpapers Garden Contest. Interest in gardening is keen when the children realize they are competing with children of other centers. This resulted in the announcement of the winners by the President of the Women's Civic League. She presented the award certificates and flower bulbs to the center directors at the In-Service Training School.

Winning gardens were: 1st, Patterson Park Playground; 2nd, Claremont Homes Recreation Center; 3rd, Dewees Playfield. Honorable Mention was given to Canton Park Playfield, Elmley Playground and Bocek Playfield.

Early in December at the In-Service Training School the Supervisor of Gardens and Nature Activities gave a demonstration of ways to use greens in decorating for the Christmas holidays. Eleven ideas for the holidays were shown, giving step by step ways to complete these wall or door decorations. Back at the centers, the leaders decorated their buildings using these new ideas.

A Gardening Workshop at Cylburn was successful this fall giving gardening information to adults interested in improving their home gardens.

The Greenhouse Workshop held at night this year proved to be interesting to more persons in business. The evening sessions allowed these home greenhouse owners to hear many hints on how to have healthy plants.

## **USE OF SCHOOL AND RECREATION FACILITIES**

During 1965 a total of 82 permits were issued to groups who used Bureau of Recreation facilities. These groups consisted of hobby clubs, scout troops, square dance clubs, homemakers' clubs, campers' clubs, civic associations, etc.

A total of 110 separate schools and school yards were used in 1965 by the Bureau of Recreation and by other groups and organizations which



secure their permits through this office. A total of 336 separate permits for use of school facilities were handled by this office:

<i>Permits for Bureau of Recreation Use</i>		<i>Permits for Other Groups</i>
118	— Indoors —	114
51	— Outdoors —	53
169	— Total (336) —	167

The "Other Groups"—97 separate organizations—comprised a representative cross-section of Baltimore and included churches, business and industrial organizations, fraternal orders, hospitals, youth-serving agencies, etc.

## DIVISION OF AMATEUR SPORTS

Quoting the words of the late Joseph Lee, "Recreation for the adult is a renewal of life, and for the youth the gaining of life." This is as true today as it was in the early part of the 20th century. The truth of this statement is shown by the steady continuous growth of the recreation movement over the years and its acceptance by the people and by government.

Baltimore can be proud of its achievements in the field of recreation, being one of the first major cities in the United States to recognize the needs of its citizens for recreational programs. The growth of recreation in Baltimore, beginning with the Children's Playground Association and the first Public Park Gymnasia in 1903, has been continuous. The year of 1908 marked the initial beginning of a truly city-wide program with the incorporation of the Playground Athletic League. Later, the Playground Athletic League expanded its activities into the countries and even today thousands of the citizens of Baltimore and the State of Maryland have fond memories of participating in the old Playground Athletic League program of track and field, basketball, soccer and the always popular bronze, silver and gold badge tests.

The year of 1940 is memorable in the history of recreation in Baltimore with the organization and creation of a city department of Public Recreation. The recognition and importance of this program has been accepted by the citizens of Baltimore over the years. This has been proven by the participation by the youth and adults in an ever-growing program of activity of a diversified nature. The increase in the number of employees and the construction of playgrounds and recreation centers has grown from a few recreational leaders and centers until today, there are 286 full time employees.

One of the facets of recreation which parallels the growth of the traditional activities of a recreational program has been the rapid increase both in interest and participation in the activities of the Division of Amateur Sports of the Bureau of Recreation.

Many different amateur organizations were operating in the early 30's with no coordinated program, no uniform plan of operation, assignment of officials or no central focal point for issuing ground permits. This period of perturbation was brought to a close with the organization of the "Baltimore Amateur Athletic Council." This organization, under the leadership of several civic minded professional men, in cooperation with the Play-

ground Athletic League, guided the destinies of "Sand Lot Sports" for nearly a decade. Each amateur sport organization; namely, basketball, baseball, soccer and football elected a president who served on a governing board with the chairman of each sport committee, and a representative of the Playground Athletic League. This organization regulated and controlled amateur sports successfully until 1940. The creation of the Department of Public Recreation in 1940 indicated a need for the absorption of the Baltimore Amateur Athletic Council within the functional framework of the new City Department. This was accomplished by the creation of the "Division of Amateur Sports" to encourage and promote interest and participation in amateur sports to the end that the health, patriotism, character and good citizenship of boys and men, girls and women, may be fully developed.

The operation of the Division of Amateur Sports is directed by a Commissioner under the supervision of the Superintendent of Recreation. The growth in popularity, participation and need has paralleled that of all recreational activities.

This program has developed during the past quarter of a century from a meager beginning until today its program ranks as one of the best in the country. For the past five years over 20,000 players have participated annually in its program of team sports. Some of the salient features of the program are: the development of a uniform identification system for each player, over 75,000 Identification Cards having been distributed since 1951; the payment for the treatment of injuries to players playing in league games, over \$5,000 per year is paid to hospitals and doctors; the assignment and partial payment of officials for all sports, over \$14,000 annually; a central office for the issuing of permits for use of facilities by teams and clubs; the signing, registration and filing of individual player contracts by team and league name and number, over 20,000 per year; the conducting of city and state championships under uniform rules and regulations; the sending of city championship teams to Regional and National Tournaments, approximately \$60,000 has been spent over the past twenty-five years at no cost to the taxpayer; the printing and distribution of rule books for each sport to all teams and managers; the creation of an instructional and educational film library, over fifty films are available for distribution; the recruitment and instruction of officials for each sport, over 250 officials are used annually; the awarding of a trophy to each league winner in every sport, also an appropriate pin is given to each manager and coach of a league champion. The Sunpapers and News-American cooperate with the Division of Amateur Sports not only by giving space and time for publicity but by the giving of trophies and medals. The Sunpapers present City-Wide Champions in each sport with a trophy and also medals to members of the championship team and runners-up in addition to supplying the trophies for the Sunpapers Municipal Tennis Tournament. The News-American furnishes the trophies for the Maryland State Junior Tennis Championships for boys and girls.

The program of the Division of Amateur Sports could not be possible without the cooperation of the thousands of volunteer men and women who are dynamically motivated to assist the youth by coaching and the giving of their time. It is their belief that through games and team sports they can

direct the youth into avenues of aspiration . . . of striving to become better citizens . . . of knowing that learning to play the game, guided by the rules of true sportsmanship, will help them to better withstand the tensions of adult life.

It is the hope of the members of the staff of the Division of Amateur Sports that this intense desire on the part of the coaches, managers and players to work together will mean that whatever success the Division has had in the past is nothing but a springboard from which "to take off" into the new and challenging future.

# CITY-WIDE CHAMPIONS AND RUNNERS-UP

## FOOTBALL:

	<i>Champion</i>	<i>Runner-up</i>
Unlimited (Flag)	Poets	Mid-West
Unlimited (225 lbs.)	Rams	Omicron Eagles
Intermediate (16-19)	Arbutus	Woodlawn
Junior (14-16)	Sparrows Point	Turner Trojans
Midget (12-14)	Western Police	Southeast Police
Cub (10-12)	Western Police	Sparrows Point

## BASEBALL:

Intermediate (16-19)	Leones	Putty Hill
Junior (14-16)	Highland Lanes	Red Shield
Midget (12-14)	Kelly Post	Parkville Lions
Cub (10-12)	Red Shield	Parkville Rittenhouse
Jr. Cub (8-10)	Little Flower Braves	Braves

## SOFTBALL

Unlimited "A"	Bucky's Bar	Ritchie Billiards
Intermediate (16-19)	East Baltimore	Morrell Park
Junior (14-16)	Morrell Park	V.F.W.

## \*BASKETBALL:

Unlimited	Dons	Bucks Parlor
Intermediate (16-19)	Knox	Arlington
Junior (14-16)	Dauphins	Uplands
Midget (12-14)	Red Shield	Deweese
Cub (10-12)	Immaculate Heart of Mary	Middle River

## \*SOCCER:

Unlimited	Max Boys	Italia
Intermediate (16-18)	Elmo Walters	Parkside
Junior (14-16)	Cobo All Stars	Highlandtown
Midget (12-14)	George Flury Saints	St. Bernards
Cub (10-12)	Good Counsel	St. Dominic

## \*GIRLS BASKETBALL:

Unlimited	White Coffee Pot	Union Memorial Hospital
Intermediate (16-19)	Immac. Conception	St. Elizabeth
Junior (14-16)	Rutland Starlettes	St. Agnes "A"
Midget (12-14)	Little Flower Brown	St. Rita
Cub (10-12)	Leith Walk	St. Agnes

## GIRLS SOFTBALL:

Unlimited "AA"	Johnny's	Cumberland
Unlimited "A"	Mach's	Social Security
Intermediate (16-19)	Dundalk	St. Ambrose
Midget (12-14)	Grey Manor	Little Flower Blue
Cub (10-12)	Deweese	Stadium Dolls

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## THE MARYLAND STATE JUNIOR TENNIS CHAMPIONSHIP

Boys under 18.....	Doubles.....	Ken Ferris & Tom Murphy
Girls under 18.....	Doubles.....	Anne Watson & Debby Cutler
Boys under 18.....	Singles.....	Thomas Murphy
Girls under 18.....	Singles.....	Anne Watson
Boys under 16.....	Doubles.....	Jack Stevenson & Jon Messick
Girls under 16.....	Doubles.....	Wendy Whitcomb & Henningham George
Boys under 16.....	Singles.....	Jack Stevenson
Girls under 16.....	Singles.....	Amanda Savage
Boys under 14.....	Doubles.....	Harold Solomon & Steve Krulevitz
Girls under 14.....	Doubles.....	Carol Sisco & Sandra Pennington
Boys under 14.....	Singles.....	Steve Krulevitz
Girls under 14.....	Singles.....	Karen Eppler
Boys under 12.....	Singles.....	Billy Riordan
Girls under 12.....	Singles.....	Harriet Mayer

## THE EVENING SUN MUNICIPAL TENNIS TOURNAMENT

### CHAMPIONS:

Mixed Doubles.....	Ken Wolk & Judy Hashman
Men's Singles.....	Mac Pardew
Men's Doubles.....	Bart Harvey & Ken Volk
Men's Consolations.....	Darwin Chee
Women's Singles.....	Carol Wendall
Women's Doubles.....	Ginny Easter & Judy Hashman
Women's Consolations.....	Mrs. D. C. DeLuca

The following is a summary of leagues, teams and players registered under contract for 1965:

### BOYS AND MEN

<i>Sport</i>	<i>Leagues</i>	<i>Teams</i>	<i>Players</i>
Baseball.....	134	746	11,035
Football.....	29	108	2,564
Softball.....	67	388	6,358
*Basketball.....	87	454	4,272
*Soccer.....	13	69	1,333
Totals.....	330	1,765	25,562

### GIRLS AND WOMEN

<i>Sport</i>	<i>Leagues</i>	<i>Teams</i>	<i>Players</i>
Softball.....	14	71	991
*Basketball.....	21	117	1,200
Totals.....	35	188	2,191
GRAND TOTAL.....	365	1,953	27,753

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## RECREATION CENTER SPORTS LEAGUES

Local and District Sports Leagues were conducted on a seasonal basis under the Boys' and Men's Recreation Center Division during the year 1965 as follows:

Winter Season—Dec. 15 to Mar. 15	Leagues	Teams	Players
Basketball.....	79	344	3,334
Club Snatch.....	1	4	32
Hand Baseball.....	1	6	30
Soccer.....	1	4	30
Box Soccer.....	2	8	59
Table Tennis.....	1	8	16
Indoor Floor Hockey.....	2	10	70
Roller Skate Hockey.....	1	4	36
Wrestling.....	1	4	23
Flag Football.....	1	5	36
Newcomb.....	1	6	41
<b>TOTAL.....</b>	<b>91</b>	<b>403</b>	<b>3,707</b>

Spring Season—March 15 to June 15	Leagues	Teams	Players
Softball.....	40	129	1,637
Basketball.....	13	51	406
Paddle Tennis.....	1	8	16
Indoor Floor Hockey.....	2	8	117
Volleyball.....	4	15	129
Kickball.....	1	4	20
<b>TOTAL.....</b>	<b>61</b>	<b>215</b>	<b>2,325</b>

Summer Season—June 15 to Aug. 15	Leagues	Teams	Players
Softball.....	71	287	3,742
Basketball.....	26	105	1,056
Volleyball.....	2	8	47
Bowling.....	1	4	40
Curbball.....	2	7	47
Baltimore Ball.....	1	3	18
Hand Baseball.....	4	16	119
Stickball.....	5	28	72
Baseball.....	1	4	48
Whiffleball.....	4	18	149
<b>TOTAL.....</b>	<b>117</b>	<b>480</b>	<b>5,338</b>

Fall Season—Aug. 15 to Dec. 15	Leagues	Teams	Players
Touch Football.....	27	118	1,083
Flag Football.....	24	98	1,071
Basketball.....	9	40	426
Box Soccer.....	1	4	40
Curbball.....	1	4	20
Shuffleboard.....	1	10	20
Hand Baseball.....	1	4	24
Bowling.....	1	4	25
Volleyball.....	1	4	28
TOTAL.....	66	286	2,737
GRAND TOTALS FOR 1965.....	335	1,384	14,107

### WEIGHTLIFTING—CITY-WIDE NOVICE

The Bureau conducted its second City-Wide Novice Weightlifting Meet at Harlem Park on Sunday afternoon, January 31.

Many "grunts" and "groans" were heard throughout the afternoon as twenty-seven teenage boys and young adults took part in the closely contested competition.

Centers participating were Chick Webb, Curtis Bay, Elmley, Fairfield Homes, Gwynns Falls, Harlem Park, Irvington, Joseph Lee and Poe-Barbour.

The top three centers in total team scoring were: 1st, Gwynns Falls, 17 points; 2nd, Curtis Bay, 11 points; 3rd, Irvington, 10 points. Point scores were based on 5 for 1st, 3 for 2nd, and 1 for 3rd place in each of the 9 weight classes.

On the basis of the Bob Hoffman Formula (determines best lifter pound for pound), Pat Kelly of Elmley Playground was presented the Outstanding Lifter Award as the Meet's best novice lifter.

### WEIGHTLIFTING—CITY-WIDE CHAMPIONSHIP

Many thousands of pounds of weights were lifted overhead as the Bureau conducted its first City-Wide Championship Weightlifting Meet on Sunday afternoon, February 28, at the Mt. Royal Recreation Center.

Only the Bureau's "best lifters" were allowed to enter the toughest meet of the year as contestants were required to meet specific qualifying totals for each weight class. Forty-two teen-age boys and young adults in ten weight classes from eight recreation centers met eligibility requirements and took part in the afternoon's competition.

Centers entering weightlifting teams were: Chick Webb, Claremont Homes, Curtis Bay, Fairfield Homes, Gardenville Recreation, Gwynns Falls, Irvington and Poe-Barbour.

Leading teams in scoring were: 1st, Chick Webb, 23 points; 2nd, Gardenville, 18 points; 3rd, Curtis Bay, 13 points. Scores were based upon 5 for 1st, 3 for 2nd, 1 for 3rd in each of 9 weight classes.

In accordance with the Bob Hoffman Formula (determines best lifter of meet pound for pound) Bob Russell of Gwynns Falls was presented the Outstanding Lifter Award by making a total score of 695 pounds in the three Olympic lifts (press, snatch, clean and jerk) while competing in the 181 pound class.

## CITY-WIDE POWER LIFT WEIGHTLIFTING MEET

Madison Square Recreation Center was host to twenty-eight teenage boys from ten recreation centers competing in the Bureau's first City-Wide Power Lift Weightlifting Meet on Sunday afternoon, December 12.

Centers participating in the afternoon's competition were Brooklyn Homes, Brooklyn Recreation Center, Claremont, Gardenville Recreation Center, Gwynns Falls, Joseph Lee, Lexington Terrace (P.S. #161), Madison Square and Mt. Royal.

Leading team scores were Gardenville Recreation Center, 15 points; Chick Webb, Joseph Lee and Gwynns Falls, 9 points each; Madison Square, 8 points.

Norman Laker of Gardenville Recreation Center was winner of the Outstanding Lifter Award as computed by the Bob Hoffman Formula in determining the meet's best lifter pound for pound.

Judging the Meet's two events, the Bench Press and Squat Lift, were Bill Stevens, Ralph DeBaufre, Joe Ambrosetti, Joe Bowers and Dick Crim. The official scorer was Gloria Stevens.

## YOUTH FITNESS CONTESTS

Participating in the Bureau of Recreation's Fourth Annual Youth Fitness Contests were 264,824 boys and girls from 122 playgrounds, playfields, parks and recreation centers throughout Baltimore City.

In order to develop and strengthen already existing sports and recreation programs and to encourage mass participation in physical fitness activity, a series of Youth Fitness Contests was conducted during each month of the year.

Plaques were awarded each month to those recreation centers having the largest number of participants. These plaques were displayed at the winning centers until the following month. Those centers having the largest total for the year had their names engraved on the plaques. Winners in the various divisions for 1965 were as follows:

<i>Division</i>	<i>Center</i>	<i>Participation</i>
Playgrounds	Morrell Park.....	4,922
Playfields	Joseph Lee.....	13,086
Centers in School Buildings	P.S. #149 (Rutland).....	6,596
Housing Projects	Cherry Hill.....	8,532
Recreation Centers "A"	Madison Square.....	10,173
Recreation Centers "B"	Greenmount.....	7,037



## **BUREAU EMPLOYEES HONORED BY FITNESS COMMISSIONS**

Two long-time Bureau employees, Irvin M. Luckman and A. Ezra Murdock, were presented the Governor's Physical Fitness Achievement Certificate by the State of Maryland and Baltimore City Commissions on Physical Fitness for their outstanding service to youth physical fitness activities.

Mrs. Luckman and son Steve accepted Mr. Luckman's award posthumously during special ceremonies at the new Northwood Recreation Center on Tuesday, March 9, prior to the start of In-Service Training classes.

Mr. Murdock, given special recognition at the Stan Musial Physical Fitness Luncheon in May, accepted his award during the annual Field Day ceremonies at the Our Lady of Fatima School on Thursday, June 3.

## **FIFTIETH ANNUAL JUNIOR MUNICIPAL GAMES**

The Fiftieth Annual Junior Municipal Games Track and Field Meet was held at Clifton Park on Friday afternoon, June 25.

Taking part in 32 track and field events were 1,174 boys and girls, 9 through 17 years of age, representing more than 100 recreation centers and amateur track groups in the Baltimore area. The gross participation was 1,842.

Six new track and field records were established and one equalled as Westside (Alexander Hamilton) and Carver-Easterwood dominated the boys' events while the Frederick Track and Field Club excelled in the girls' events.

The traditional "Parade of Athletes" started the afternoon's list of events with all track and field participants marching around the track with their respective age and event groups.

The meet was conducted by Bureau of Recreation leadership and sanctioned by the South Atlantic Association of the A.A.U.

Serving as Honorary Referees were Theodore R. McKeldin, Samuel Hopkins, L. Edgar Myerly, Charles A. Young, Jr., Harry D. Kaufman, Hillis D. Hume, Elmer Wingate, Jr., and Francis R. Jones. Harold S. Callowhill gave the welcome address and introduced the guests of honor.

## **DISTRICT PENTATHLONS**

During the last two weeks of July and the first week of August in the tradition of the Olympic Decathlon five Pentathlons were held at intervals throughout the city for boys and girls 9 through 17 years of age.

The Pentathlon consists of five events. Point scores are tabulated for every boy and girl in each of four age groups who participate in the following required events: Dash (distance varies according to age groups), Softball Throw For Distance, Running the Bases, Standing or Running Broad Jump (depends on age group or sex), Softball Throw for Accuracy (boys' event) or Free Style Dodgeball Throw (girls' event). Those participants finishing 1st, 2nd, or 3rd, highest in the 11 and Under, 13 and Under, 15 and Under and 17 and Under age groups receive gold, silver and bronze medals respectively for all-around track excellence.

Following is a listing of the total number of recreation centers and participants taking part in the five pentathlon districts:

	Girls		Boys	
	Centers	Participants	Centers	Participants
Cherry Hill (P.S. #180).....	11	101	12	150
Carroll Park.....	15	133	18	238
Druid Hill Park.....	25	162	28	278
Clifton Park.....	28	212	27	329
Patterson Park.....	13	87	14	96
TOTALS.....	92	695	99	1,091

### FORTY-THIRD ANNUAL PAROCHIAL TRACK AND FIELD MEET

The Forty-third Annual Parochial School Track and Field Meet was held at Patterson Park on Friday, April 30th. The meet was co-sponsored by the Catholic Youth Organization of Baltimore and the Maryland State Council of the Knights of Columbus and conducted by the Bureau of Recreation.

Participating in 30 track, field and game activities throughout the day were boys and girls from 29 Catholic elementary schools in the Baltimore area with a gross participation of 4,264.

The perennial champions, Our Lady of Fatima, outdistanced their nearest rivals by a considerable margin as they amassed the very high total team score of 127 points; second was St. Clement's of Rosedale, 67 points and third, was St. Francis Xavier, 64 points. Our Lady of Fatima emerged victorious in the Boys' Division with 93 points while St. Francis Xavier was top team in the Girls' Division scoring 42 points.

### TABLE TENNIS

After several weeks of eliminations at the local and area levels, 18 junior boys (15 years and under) and 17 senior boys (20 years and under) participated in the City-Wide Table Tennis Championship Finals at the Harlem Park Recreation Center on Tuesday evening, March 31. Eight hundred and fifty-seven participants from 43 recreation centers took part in the month-long series of tournament competition.

Reigning supreme in the Junior and Senior Divisions after many days and weeks of hard fought table tennis play were defending champions Charles Ellis and Robert Coleman, respectively.

Under the guidance and supervision of Arthur Williams, Area Director of the Youth Development Committee of the United States Table Tennis Association, an exhibition was given in the "Art of Playing Doubles" by four seasoned players from the Red Shield Boys Club. In addition, the very latest materials and equipment used by table tennis players were put on display.

## MUSIC

More emphasis was put on music for teen-agers. Several centers have organized teen music clubs. Activities include listening to records, organizing and conducting talent and variety shows, quartet, group singing, combos, instrumental music, folk singing. Some groups are self directed, or led by center personnel and some are conducted by specialists.

There were fifteen part-time music specialists working with children, teen-agers, and young adults. One specialist was given a full time position working on a regular basis with thirteen golden age clubs as well as children and teen-agers.

Ten leaders attended a class in playing the Autoharp. Several centers have purchased and are now using autoharps in their programs. These are popular with children, teen-agers and adults who not only like to sing with them but learn to play themselves.

On Sunday, May 2 the first Annual Eastern District Music Festival was held at Madison Square Recreation Center. Seven centers from The District were represented. (Chick Webb, Elmer Henderson, Greenmount, Lafayette Courts, Madison Square, Rutland, and Somerset Homes). About 125 children and four music specialists took part.

The Hamilton Golden Agers again presented a variety show at The Golden Age Hobby Show held at The Civic Center in May and were enthusiastically received.

The Chick Webb Band gave programs at several places including Chick Webb Center and Dunbar High School, including a concert at Dunbar during the summer as part of the school enrichment program.

A six week class in conducting and teaching Rhythm Band groups presented to approximately 30 leaders. A music orientation for new leaders was also given to new leaders as part of The In-service program.

## DRAMA

The interest in dramatics is growing, partly as a result of a class given at In-Service which included, creative dramatics, formal dramatics, simple costuming and scenery, make up, lighting, and acting techniques. Many more centers included one-act plays, stunts, and skits as part of their closing programs and Christmas and Thanksgiving programs.

Painter's Mill—Nearly 1,000 children from ten recreation centers were taken in buses to Painter's Mill to see a production of Alice in Wonderland which was sponsored by Mrs. Lyndon B. Johnson as part of the Head Start Program. The children were also served hot dogs and cokes and had a wonderful time. Many had never been out of the city before.

The Children's Theatre Showmobile, in cooperation with the Bureau of Recreation and several commercial sponsors presented performances of Pinocchio and Heidi at Brooklyn Homes, Federal Hill, Northwood and O'Donnell Heights.

The Mt. Royal Drama Club and the Lafayette Courts group presented two one-act plays at the Mt. Royal Recreation Center. These were acted very well and brought out several talented young people.

## HIGHLIGHTS

### SPECIAL ARTS AND CRAFTS FOR CHILDREN AND ADULTS

Some people enjoy making things and the Bureau conducts classes in which they can gain skill and experience with tools and materials — where they can learn to make something from idea to a finished painting, ceramic figure or bowl, cloth for a suit of clothes or just a hand puppet. Most of our classes are for children of adolescent or teen-age, and instruction by part-time specialists is provided free of charge where there are facilities and community interest. Adult classes are conducted wherever those interested can raise the cost of instruction in advance or where the Bureau's staff is qualified. Personal expression through creative activity is a very important human need and the Bureau of Recreation recognizes its responsibilities to provide an opportunity for Baltimore's citizens to satisfy it in their leisure time.

### NEIGHBORHOOD YOUTH CORPS

After preliminary meetings with several key people, the Bureau of Recreation became one of the first agencies in Baltimore to incorporate Neighborhood Youth Corps Aides into its program. These Recreation Aides, both In-School and Drop-Out, were assigned to centers in close proximity to their homes, when possible, and were given definite assignments and work schedules.

Seventy-five Aides were assigned to the Bureau of Recreation as of December 1965. Of these, 22 were School Drop-Outs and 53 were In-School Aides. Evaluations are made on a monthly basis by our center directors in order to chart the progress of the Youth Corps workers and compile a record that will be useful in selecting those best fitted for a Recreation career.

### LEARN-TO-SWIM PROGRAM

A total of 2,106 boys and girls enrolled in the Learn-to-Swim program conducted jointly by the Bureau of Recreation and the Red Cross. Six hundred and twenty-one certificates were issued as follows:

Beginners.....	276	Junior Life Saver.....	7
Advanced Beginners.....	183	Senior Life Saver.....	9
Intermediate.....	94	Water Safety Aides.....	12
Swimmers.....	40	TOTAL.....	621

Congratulations are due the Bureau of Parks personnel for the excellent work they performed in assisting this program. Their cooperation aided materially in the presentation of the Learn-to-Swim Course.

### WEEK-END CENTERS

During 1965, 22 different recreation centers were operated on Saturdays and/or Sundays. The centers presented both indoor and outdoor programs with the indoor schedule running from October 1st through May and the outdoor centers operating from June 1st through September. The centers' hours were from 12 noon to 6:30 p.m. on Saturdays, and from 2 to 8:30 p.m. on Sundays.

There was a total of 136,626 participants using these week-end facilities with 100,366 taking part in the Saturday program and 35,260 utilizing the Sunday centers.

### **DEDICATION EXERCISES, NEW LEXINGTON TERRACE RECREATION CENTER**

The Lexington Terrace Recreation Center was formally dedicated on the night of November 16th, 1965 at 8 p.m. This fine recreation area is attached to Public School No. 19 and is located on Lexington Street and Myrtle Avenue.

The ceremonies, which were mastered by Mr. Richard Steiner, Director, Baltimore Urban Renewal and Housing Agency, featured the spirited comments of Theodore R. McKeldin, Mayor of Baltimore City. Worthy of note, too, were the musical numbers presented by the children of P.S. #19 and the dance performed under the direction of the recreation staff.

The unique fact about this building is the fact that it represents the combined efforts of education, recreation and housing. Education funds built the school proper with the additional use of Bureau of Recreation funds. These funds helped enlarge the gymnasium to the junior high school size and the auditorium was expanded from a capacity of 350 to 500 seats. The recreation center proper, a two-story building was built and equipped by the Housing Authority of Baltimore City. Finally, the recreation complex has been staffed by recreation workers paid by the Bureau of Recreation.

### **CARROLL PARK PLAYGROUND**

On Monday, December 6th, the new Carroll Park Playground was dedicated by Mayor Theodore R. McKeldin. Many agencies of the community, including schools, Parent-Teacher Associations and churches attended the ceremony. The colorful modern equipment was inspected and admired by members of the Park Board, City Council and the Maryland Senate. Over one hundred children explored concrete tunnels, used swings in the shape of ponies and later demonstrated singing games under the supervision of recreation leaders.

### **NORTHWOOD DEDICATION**

The new Northwood Recreation Center was dedicated by the Honorable Samuel Hopkins, President of the Board of Recreation and Parks, on Friday, November 12. Mr. Hopkins, acting for the Mayor, presented the new facilities to Mrs. Agnes Blume who accepted for the neighborhood. Miss Sophia Hoerner of the Golden Age Club and Mrs. Carol Geiss of the Mothers' Club poured at the tea which followed the formal ceremonies.

### **DAY CAMPS**

The Bureau of Recreation conducted six Day Camps during 1965. The participating centers were: Cahill, Hanlon, Harlem Park, Alexander Hamilton, Gardenville and Hamilton, which had a total enrollment of 1,780 children.

The program was conducted by professional staff members, assisted by Junior Counselors who were paid from enrollment fees and many Junior and Senior volunteers.

Activities such as arts & crafts, bowling, cook-outs, swimming lessons, Red Letter Days, field trips, Gymkanas, Fairs and Day Camp Shows were among the most popular events.

### **SINGING GAMES FESTIVALS**

The Singing Games that are being revived at our centers are not new; they have come down through the years growing brighter as a coin grows bright with the handling. They are the expression of the joys and sorrows of the people of the past.

Miss I. Pearl Williams, retired Bureau of Recreation Supervisor, conducted a singing games workshop at the Roosevelt Park Recreation Center. Leaders at small field house centers were assigned to the workshops. They were taught the singing games and were given tips on conducting a Singing Games Festival. Fifteen small field house centers held Festivals during the second week of May. They were evaluated and the I. Pearl Williams Singing Games Trophy was presented to Morrell Park Playground. Honorable mention certificates went to Lynhurst and Gardenville playfields.

The festivals were culminating programs. They included action songs, some simple folk dances, Nursery Rhymes and Awards programs.

### **OPERATION SNOWBALL**

The threat of rain did not dampen the spirit of 2,000 boys and girls from throwing snowballs during the middle of July at six of the Bureau's recreation center locations. The annual snowball throwing program took place simultaneously at Lafayette Courts, Cherry Hill Homes, South Baltimore Playground, Easterwood Park, Harlem Park and Madison Square Recreation Centers on Thursday, July 15.

Boys and girls from 7 to 12 years of age tried their skills at throwing snowballs at a variety of figure, pendulum and bulls-eye targets. Detailed scores were kept on all contestants with prizes awarded to 1st, 2nd and 3rd place winners in three different age groups.

All prizes, artificial snow and refreshments were furnished by radio station WEBB, sponsors and originators of this popular summer program activity.

### **CITY-WIDE OBSTACLE COURSE HELD AT NORTHWOOD RECREATION CENTER**

The Second Annual City-Wide Obstacle Course Program was held at the new Northwood Recreation Center on Thursday, June 3. Winners and runners-up from local recreation center obstacle courses matched their skill and prowess to determine the best of the city's "climbing," "crawling," and "running" set.

Competing in the city championships were 37 boys from 8 to 13 years of age representing Patterson Park, North Harford, Herring Run, Latrobe Homes, Waverly, Northwood, Gardenville and South Baltimore Recreation Centers.

Contestants were scored on the time taken to cover the ten obstacle, 100 yard horseshoe, laid-out course. Obstacles were designed to test the endurance, strength, speed and muscular coordination of the youthful participants. Included in the day's obstacle course route were the rope swing, horizontal ladder, balance beam, hurdle jump, side-hill zig-zag run, crawl under, crawl through, crawl over, step through and speed run.

### **ANNUAL FOURTH OF JULY PROGRAMS ARE POPULAR**

Fourth of July activities were celebrated in a safe and sane manner by 8,400 children, teen-agers, adults and senior citizens at 105 recreation centers, playfields and playgrounds on July 1st and 2nd. The Bureau of Recreation sponsored and conducted its annual programs of games, athletic events, novelty contests and patriotic celebrations throughout the neighborhoods in Baltimore city without resorting to any display of fireworks.

The "Senior Citizen Sets" at O'Donnell Heights Recreation Center and the Luckman Memorial Playground measured up extremely well to the two day theme of safety activities by conducting the "standing broad smile" event to replace the more conventional standing broad jump. Instead of measuring the longest jump the judges measured the broadest smile among the contestants.

The staff at Patterson Park Playground was not to be denied as they conducted an old time "Forty-Niner's Gold Rush." Children were asked to look for such rare specimens as petrified sponges, gold nuggets and valuable minerals throughout the playground area. Prizes were awarded to those bringing back the largest number, most valuable and hardest to find items of worth.

Gardenville Recreation Center highlighted its program with a "Bicycle Rodeo" as many children rode their brightly decorated cycles in parade fashion and competed against each other for skills in bicycle manipulation while at the Hamilton and Liberty Centers the patriotic significance of the Fourth of July holiday was held in high esteem as program ceremonies gave special recognition to "Uncle Sam" and "Old Glory."



*Gardening at Bocek Playfield*

Photo by the Baltimore News American

## **RECREATION WEEK**

The week of June 23, 1965 was proclaimed Recreation Week by Mayor Theodore R. McKeldin. Recreation Week in Baltimore got under way with ceremonies at the Recreation Central office, 1129 North Calvert Street when 5 year old Joseph Cornish, a member of the Chick Webb Recreation Center presented the Mayor's proclamation to Mr. Harold S. Callowhill, Superintendent, Bureau of Recreation.

## **TRAVELING PLAY LEADERS**

The Bureau of Recreation added safe fun to the crowded neighborhoods for a nine-week period through its Traveling Leader program. This year Mrs. Edna Mosley, a school teacher and a veteran traveling leader served as Supervisor for the Traveling Leader program. With a staff of four leaders the program served 40 different areas in the city for a three hour weekly session. Safe sidewalk games taught in the two week training school were played in these areas. Brightly colored pennants were used to attract children to the play area.

## **VOLUNTEER TRAVELING LEADER PROGRAM**

Teen-age volunteers at ten recreation centers in housing areas served as Traveling Leaders during the summer session. Training sessions were conducted by Miss Virginia S. Baker and Mrs. Edna Mosley early in June. The volunteers were taught the same games as the professional leaders and were given extra tips on safety. Sixty-two teen-age volunteers took part in this program.

Center Directors reported that the Traveling Leader program helped increase the attendance at the centers and that the volunteers helped to make the community aware of the programs offered. The volunteers wore Pied Piper type hats as they traveled through the community.

## **MARBLE TOURNAMENT**

Stuart Wood, 13 year old representative of the O'Donnell Heights Recreation Center, squinted across an orange and blue marble named "Butterflies", knuckled down, bit his tongue and caromed a yellow marble out of a 10 foot ring to win the Maryland Veterans of Foreign Wars - Bureau of Recreation's State Marble Shooting Championship for the second year. The final tournament was held June 5, 1965 at Patterson Park.

Thomas D'Alesandro III, City Council President, Mr. Francis Butler, Superintendent of Patterson Park, and Miss I. Pearl Williams, retired Bureau of Recreation Supervisor, presented trophies to Stuart; the second place winner - Stephen Powell of Towanda and the third place winner - Steve Minter, Fairfield Recreation Center.

Besides winning a medal, crown, trophy, and sport shirt, Stuart received a five day trip to Wildwood, New Jersey to take part in the National Marble Tournament. This is the fourth year that the Veterans of Foreign Wars have co-sponsored the Marble Tournaments. They presented certificates to the local playground winners and medals, and shirts to the 3 winners at 7 district tournaments, and trophies to the State Champion.



A total of 2618 youngsters took part, 304 of these were girls. One girl, Arletta Grace, a district winner representing P.S. #95 Recreation Center has taken part in the State Tournament for the past two years.

## **DOLL SHOW**

Sixty-eight Bureau of Recreation Playgrounds and Recreation Centers took part in the Bureau of Recreation Ladies Auxiliary to the Veterans of Foreign Wars third Annual State Doll Show.

Eight hundred seventy-four boys and 3,067 girls took part in local playground doll shows.

Dolls were judged in the following classes:

Foreign dolls	Bride dolls
Smallest dolls	Annual dolls
Most unusual dolls	Best dressed teen dolls
Prettiest dolls	Infant dolls
Character dolls	Best Rag dolls

The Ladies Auxiliary to the Veterans of Foreign Wars presented ribbons and certificates to the 1st, 2nd, 3rd place winners at each playground.

The 1st and 2nd place winners were invited to the State Tournament held on August 11, 1965 at Patterson Park Playground. The Veterans of Foreign Wars presented trophies to the thirty winners at the State Tournament.

The 1965 Queen and King of the third annual State Doll Show held at Patterson were Leonne Wright of Gardenville Recreation Center and Dave Rau of North Harford Playfield. The King and Queen appeared on two television programs.

## **KITE FLYING CONTESTS**

Early in March boys and girls make kites at our playgrounds and recreation centers. Kites are judged on their workmanship, and originality, and certificates are awarded.

A special day is selected at each center during March for Kite Flying Contests. Certificates are awarded for the kite flying the highest, first kite in the air, and novelty events.

One thousand twenty-four boys and 533 girls—a total of 1949 took part in the 1965 Kite Flying Contests.

## **TOP SPINNING**

The American Magnetop Company of Brooklyn, New York, supplied our playgrounds and recreation centers with the new Magnetic Tops. They sent an expert Top Spinner to teach our leaders and children the Tournament tricks. Demonstrations were held at special classes at our In-Service Training School as well as at the playgrounds and recreation centers.

Each playground held a special tournament and two winners from each playground were invited to participate in the final tournament held on June 14, 1965 at the Mondawmin Shopping Center. Local playground winners received Top Spinning Trophies.

Gregory Streat, representing the Madison Square Recreation Center, was the City-Wide Champ. He rode back to his center on a new bicycle awarded by the American Magnetop Company. Second place winner, George Edwards, representing Waverly Recreation Center, received a record player.

## **HOPSCOTCH**

Fun with Physical Fitness was the motto at one center announcing the Bureau of Recreation's Annual Square Hopscotch Tournament. Square hopscotch diagrams have been painted at all of our centers making this activity a self directed one. However, during the second week of October each year our centers hold annual tournaments with certificates being awarded to the top three winners at each center. A total of 900 boys and 1854 girls took part in the 1965 tournaments, which was an increase of 706 over 1964.

## **JACKS AND BALL CONTESTS**

A total of 2958 youngsters took part in our annual Jacks and Ball Contest this summer. One-third of the entries were boys.

The recent publicity showing the Football team of the C. W. Post College of Brookvale, New York playing jacks received wide interest. Coach Joe Scannella uses this game to improve the players hand and eye coordination. The carry-over value of this game has been noted. Youngsters are playing Jacks and Ball year round; on week-ends, and when centers are closed.

## **HOLIDAY PARTIES**

Holiday parties are held for all ages at our centers with special emphasis on Valentine's Day, Halloween, Christmas, Easter, and July 4th. A variety of programs are held from Costume dress-up shows to popular television type shows like Password, and Beat the Clock. Centers are decorated during the seasons and many times hundreds of people attend these programs.

## **RED LETTER DAYS**

Button Shows, Freckle Contests, Diaper Derbies, Soap Bubble Contests, Twin Shows, Playground Fairs, and Turtle Derbies were a few of the popular Red Letter Days held this summer at our weekly Red Letter Day. Each center held a Red Letter Day once a week during the school vacation period. The Red Letter Days brought large crowds of parents and children to our centers. Many times newcomers were introduced to our centers for the first time and many times members returned to our centers. Red Letter Days attract lots of parents.

## **WADING POOL REGATTAS**

The thirteen playground centers that have wading pools are open daily 12:30 to 4:30 p.m. during the summer vacation period. Many times during the summer, novelty events are held at these pools, but the high-

lights of the season are the Wading Pool Regattas.

The youngsters construct small boats in the crafts programs and during the second week of August boat regattas are held at these centers. Five hundred twenty-five boys and 340 girls took part in these regattas. Sailboats, tug boats, fishing boats, schooners, barges, and speed boats were entered. The playgrounds were decorated with pennants; the contestants wore sailor hats, and one center, the Joseph Lee Playground, crowned the Queen of the Regatta. Certificates were presented not only for the sailing, but for the construction of the boats.

### **SMALL CRAFT SAFETY**

The Red Cross held demonstrations of small craft safety methods at Patterson, Clifton, Druid Hill and Chick Webb pools in July. Members of the Learn-to-Swim classes and their families were invited.

Mrs. Mickey Adelhardt, Red Cross Instructor, demonstrated how to be saved when a canoe or small craft capsizes. The system used in the demonstration was an overturned canoe as a support for both the rescued and rescuer.

### **BICYCLE SAFETY WEEK**

Over 4,000 bicycle owners in Baltimore City received Bicycle Safety Tape during Bicycle Safety Week co-sponsored by the Baltimore City Bureau of Recreation and the Veterans of Foreign Wars.

Mayor Theodore R. McKeldin proclaimed the week of April 26th as Bicycle Safety Week. A kick-off ceremony was held on Monday, April 26th at Patterson Park Playground. Scouts, Cub Scouts, Red Shield Boys' Club, Southeastern Police Boys' Club were invited to send groups to the taping program. Mayor McKeldin sent a representative to tape the first bike. Others who participated were Mr. Kenneth Noyes of the Veterans of Foreign Wars, Mr. Frank Butler, Superintendent of Patterson Park, representatives of the Maryland Traffic Safety Commission and the Police Department.

The Veterans of Foreign Wars furnished the Safety Tape. Other Bicycle Safety programs were held throughout the city. Bicycle rodeos, speakers from the Police Department and Safety Council, and safety films were used.

### **CHESS**

The 12th Annual Maryland Junior Chess Championship Tournament was held on December 26th through the 28th at the Northwood Recreation Center. This event was co-sponsored by the Maryland Chess Association and the Bureau of Recreation. The tournament was directed by Robert Erkes and Stanley Weiss, both former junior champions. A total of 37 players in two separate tournaments competed and winners were as follows: 1st and Maryland Junior Champion, Samuel Greenlaw of Clinton, Maryland; 2nd, Daniel Maxwell of Worcester, Massachusetts; and 3rd, Ross Oliver of Baltimore, Maryland. Each winner received a credit to buy chess equipment. The top high school player is Joe Fanzone of Baltimore. Top

player in "B" Division, Thomas Blow, Baltimore, Maryland. In the under 13 Division, Robert Spiegel of Baltimore took 1st prize followed by John Terck and Mark Kreiser, 2nd and 3rd, respectively, both of Baltimore. Trophies and book prizes were awarded.

Chess classes are held regularly at Northwood, Fairfield, Gilmor, Canton, Joseph Lee, Herring Run, Bocek and Claremont Recreation Centers.

## PUBLICITY

Our relationships with the press, television, and radio have been very good. Daily announcements are made about our programs for all ages and our staff and members of our centers have appeared on the WBAL-TV "People Show."

During the Easter, Christmas, and summer vacation period the Evening Sun and the Sunday Sun printed a Recreation Calendar listing all of our programs. The Sun, Evening Sun, and News-American have printed pictures of members at play in our many centers.

## STATISTICS JANUARY – DECEMBER 1965

	<i>Enrollment</i>	<i>Attendance</i>	<i>Number of Centers</i>
Playgrounds.....	28,485	1,567,137	71
Community Centers.....	60,483	3,058,808	55
Indoor Centers.....	758	25,060	10
Swimming Pools.....	3,637	20,626	6
Special Centers.....	26,339	235,976	—
*Street Club Project.....	624	1,248	—
<b>TOTALS.....</b>	<b>220,326</b>	<b>4,908,855</b>	<b>142</b>

\*Beginning October 1st

**CITY OF BALTIMORE  
DEPARTMENT OF FINANCE  
BUREAU OF RECREATION**

Summary Cost Statement of Operating Expenses for the Year 1965

**1 – GENERAL EXPENSES**

11	Administrative Expenses.....	\$ 177,791.30	
13	Leadership Training School.....	30.00	\$ 177,821.30

**2 – OPERATING EXPENSES**

21	Field Supervision Expenses.....	\$ 195,240.51	
22	Playground Expenses.....	324,246.99	
23	Community Centers Expenses.....	1,113,506.14	
24	Indoor Centers Expenses.....	4,432.59	
25	Recreational Activities Expenses.....	90,207.01	
26	Municipal Sports Expenses.....	54,386.55	1,782,019.79

**3 – MAINTENANCE EXPENSES**

31	General Maintenance.....		70,839.10
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**6 – FIXED ASSETS AND FUNDS**

60-A	Levy Appropriation.....	10,454.90	
61	Administrative Properties.....	5,253.21	
68	Motor Transportation Properties.....	4,609.05	20,317.16

	TOTAL EXPENSES – DEPARTMENT OF RECREATION FUNDS.....		\$2,050,997.35
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42	Accessory Enterprises.....	\$ 152,056.08	
60-B	Recreation Loans Construction.....	28,867.16	
60-C	Recreation Loans Construction.....	22,271.42	
60-D	4th Recreation Loans Construction.....	105,724.74	
60-E	5th Recreation Loans Construction.....	65,958.14	
60-G	2nd Recreation Serial Loan Construction.....	17,067.95	
60-M	6th Recreation Loan Construction.....	57,723.19	449,668.68

	TOTAL.....		\$2,500,666.03
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**CITY OF BALTIMORE**  
**DEPARTMENT OF FINANCE**  
**BUREAU OF RECREATION**

Financial Statement of Appropriations and Loan Funds as of December 31, 1965

Account	Description	Forwarded from 1964	Appropriations	Increments	Total Credits	Expenditures	Encumbrances	Total Expenditures	Balance
8.016	Salaries.....	—	\$ 1,376,137.00	—	\$ 1,376,137.00	\$ 1,368,011.74	—	\$ 1,368,011.74	\$ 8,125.26
8.026	Salaries Part Time.....	\$ 5,000.00	345,500.00	—	350,500.00	344,974.78	—	344,974.78	5,525.22
8.017	Expenses.....	—	171,440.00	—	171,440.00	175,808.00	\$ 17,370.00	193,178.00	(21,738.00)
	SUB-TOTAL.....	\$ 5,000.00	\$ 1,893,077.00	—	\$ 1,898,077.00	\$ 1,888,794.52	\$ 17,370.00	\$ 1,906,164.52	(88,087.52)
	From Other Funds.....	—	—	\$ 8,087.52	8,087.52	—	—	—	8,087.52
	SUB-TOTAL.....	\$ 5,000.00	\$ 1,893,077.00	\$ 8,087.52	\$ 1,906,164.52	\$ 1,888,794.52	\$ 17,370.00	\$ 1,906,164.52	\$ 0.00
8.022	Capital Improvement.....	1,200.00	—	—	1,200.00	—	—	—	1,200.00
8.300	6th Recreation Serial.....	—	1,445,000.00	(1,445,000.00)	0.00	—	—	—	0.00
8.303	5th Recreation Serial.....	—	45,500.00	(45,500.00)	0.00	—	—	—	0.00
8.310	2nd Recreation & Pks Serial....	4,200.56	—	(4,200.56)	0.00	—	—	—	0.00
8.330	6th Recreation Loan Constr.....	—	—	1,265,000.00	1,265,000.00	57,723.19	24,999.00	82,722.19	1,182,277.81
8.331	Recreation & Parks Constr.....	86,289.91	—	—	86,289.91	22,271.42	24,491.00	46,762.42	39,527.49
8.332	4th Recreation Loan Constr.....	772,952.24	—	—	772,952.24	100,749.74	72,654.00	173,403.74	599,548.50
8.333	Recreation Loans Constr.....	69,905.97	—	—	69,905.97	28,867.16	28,015.00	56,882.16	13,023.81
8.337	5th Recreation Loan Constr.....	249,441.31	—	45,500.00	294,941.31	65,958.14	18,122.00	84,080.14	210,861.17
8.338	2nd Recreation & Pks Constr....	26,464.41	—	4,200.56	30,664.97	17,067.95	11,417.00	28,484.95	2,180.02
	Forward to 1966.....	—	—	(2,048,618.80)	(2,048,618.80)	—	—	—	(2,048,618.80)
	TOTAL.....	\$ 1,215,454.40	\$ 3,383,577.00	(\$ 2,220,531.28)	\$ 2,378,500.12	\$ 2,181,432.12	\$ 197,068.00	\$ 2,378,500.12	\$ 0.00

( ) Indicates Red Figure.

## C. BUREAU OF MUSIC

(MR. J. IRVING GRAY, *Superintendent*)

The bands of the Bureau of Music brought music to the people in their own neighborhoods all over the City in again fulfilling their schedule of fifty-three (53) concerts. This was accomplished through four bands, each consisting of 34 musicians and a conductor, all professionals. The schedule of concerts were so planned as to cover the various sections of the City where facilities were available and in the different parks. In this manner, as pointed out above, music was brought to the people for their enjoyment right in their own neighborhoods, thus creating and encouraging not only pleasure and entertainment, but musical appreciation and importantly, unity and fellowship. Considering we were able to reach some 70,000 persons of all ages with a variety of music — instrumental and vocal, classics, marches, novelties, musical and movie shows, as well as "pop", the funds expended were minimal for the results attained which can be considered from many angles.

In addition to the bands, accomplished artists, both vocal and instrumental, were included in each program in either solos, duets or quartets. In order that they could be appreciated and heard by all, amplifying equipment was used. One of the many popular features at these concerts is the "Sing Along" conducted by a specialist in this field who with the aid of song sheets prepared by this Bureau and furnished to the audiences at each concert, encourages and directs them in joining in the singing of their favorite songs.

These concerts are given every night except Saturdays, but including Sundays and holidays, during the months of June, July and August, as provided by the funds available in our budget.

Much importance is placed on programming by the conductor and the superintendent. Programs are tailor-made to suit various audiences and locations. By astute attention, close observation and intelligent application, the most critical audiences can be and are presented with a program of music that is to their listening pleasure. At times, programs are changed in the middle of a concert to accomplish our purpose of bringing music of interest to those of all ages.

The high point of the season was reached when the two Festivals of Music were presented in Baltimore Memorial Stadium to which some 15,000 people attended. Two bands were combined, a special program was arranged which included especially selected vocalists in solo, duet and quartet, instrumental solos and groups accompanied by the combined bands. Music that has not been played in our programs prior to this event is purchased and arranged for presentation by the bands and the various artists. With the colorful decorations of palms, plants, varied color lights and flags as a background, and being held in the open under the stars, these Festivals of Music are increasing in popularity each year.

Publicity is, of course, of the utmost importance to a program of this nature, and needless to say, we take advantage of it in all of its various media. Press, television and radio releases are sent continuously all through the season on each program to all radio and television stations,

local newspapers and a large percentage of those publishing once a week, bi-monthly or monthly, giving full information and particulars of various programs and the artists who are to be presented at the various locations during this season. Schedules listing all concerts for the season are sent to organizations, industry, the armed forces, nurses' homes, apartment houses, hospitals and churches in and around the City.

### **I AM AN AMERICAN AND CONSTITUTION DAY**

Again this year, a 50 piece band was furnished at the request of the Committee for the Annual Celebration and Parade for the "I Am An American and Constitution Day."



*The "Sing Along" with audience and bands. Festival of Music—Stadium, July 12, 1965. Leigh Martinet conducting.*

### **FESTIVAL OF MUSIC July 12, 1965**

A Festival of Music at Baltimore Memorial Stadium is scheduled for each band as it concludes its part of the season and on July 12, 1965, Mr. Leigh Martinet and the Municipal Concert Band was joined by the Park Concert Band to present another of these features which have now become established as a very popular part of the summer musical season with 70 professional musicians, 4 outstanding vocal artists, a "Sing Along" and instrumental as well as group selections, all under the able direction of our personable musician and conductor, Mr. Leigh Martinet. The first festival of the season opened under a cloudless sky and ideal balmy weather conditions before an estimated audience of some 6,000 people.



From the opening of "Baltimore Our Baltimore" to the last strains of the "Star Spangled Banner", the audience was treated to one sensation after another as the band and the featured soloists appeared in this specially arranged program. The always popular "Sing Along" was also included in the program. The audience was most generous in their response to the work of the various soloists and of the band and the conductor and greeted the announcement of the next Festival of Music to be held on August 6, 1965 with great enthusiasm.

## FESTIVAL OF MUSIC

August 6, 1965

As the summer musical season reached its climax, the Park Concert Band with Mr. Gerald Eyth on the podium, augmented by the Municipal Concert Band, presented the second and last festival for the year at the Baltimore Memorial Stadium. Mr. Eyth long popular as a musician and conductor with the people of Baltimore offered an excellent and well balanced program of great variety and interest, bringing to the stage 4 favorite vocal artists in solo, duet and quartet in a splendid and popular selection of the works of the famous composers as well as lighter numbers from musical shows. This program also included, as usual, the ever popular "Sing Along" in which the large audience joined with zest. The bands were heard in various arrangements by well known composers done especially for concert band. These ran the gamut of a vast repertoire, each number selected for this particular occasion.



*Soloist and combined concert bands. Festival of Music—Stadium, August 6, 1966. Gerald Eyth conducting.*

The Park and Municipal Bands under the direction of the capable and popular musicians and conductors, Mr. Weldon J. Irvine, Jr. and Mr. Charles E. Gwynn, added to the enjoyment of the summer musical season by their excellent series of concerts at the various squares, parks and shopping centers throughout the city. Their patriotic concert at the West Side Shopping Center on July 4th was particularly impressive, not only because of the type, but in the enthusiastic manner in which it was received by the large audience in attendance. All of these concerts included the popular "Sing Along", vocal and instrumental solos and a varied program by the band.

These programs especially prepared by the conductors were comprised of numbers selected from their vast knowledge and experience in band music and their ability to give to their audiences that which they desire, thus making this series a pleasurable experience for all.

### **BALTIMORE SYMPHONY ORCHESTRA**

The City of Baltimore continues its support of the Baltimore Symphony Orchestra through the budget of the Bureau of Music. The Saturday night concerts and those in the schools were included in this program.

### **GENERAL COMMENTS**

We shall always remain grateful to the newspapers, daily, weekly and special, radio and TV stations, music editors and critics, writers of special columns and in fact, all who so ably assisted us in publicizing our concerts through our press and radio and TV releases which we sent to them, covering each concert during the season. Publicity is always one of the most important functions in the operation of our summer concert season and our efforts are directed to all possible channels to establish as complete coverage as possible. In this connection, there was also prepared and distributed at all concerts and the Festival of Music some 40,000 song sheets. Special press releases containing information and background on soloists and program, along with photographs, were forwarded.

Cooperation of various shopping centers and other locations where concerts were held was obtained for newspaper ads, posters, circulars, pictures and articles in their own shoppers guides. Churches cooperated in placing information in their bulletins and making announcements at their services.

The Superintendent of the Bureau of Music wishes to take this opportunity to express his appreciation and personal thanks to the Honorable Mayor Theodore R. McKeldin, the Board of Estimates, members of the Board of Recreation and Parks, the Acting Director of the Department of Recreation and Parks, the Acting Superintendent of Parks and the Highways Engineer, Bureau of Highways, as well as the Director of Public Works for their generous support and cooperation extended during the 1965 concert season.

To the Police Commissioner and members of his Department, we also wish to extend our thanks and appreciation for their competent and courteous assistance.

We wish to also acknowledge the fine cooperation extended by the conductors, musicians, soloists, song leader and all other personnel working with the bands; some of whom working behind the scenes were not seen by our audiences but without their competent services, these concerts could not have been accomplished.

The financial report and schedules for the Bureau of Music follow:

## 1965 SCHEDULE CONCERT BANDS

WEEK-DAY CONCERTS  
8:00-10:00 P.M.

FESTIVALS OF MUSIC  
8:30 P.M.

**Municipal Concert Band**  
LEIGH MARTINET, *Conductor*

### JUNE

Tuesday, June 15	Patterson Park
Wednesday, June 16	Dell—Charles & 31st Streets
Thursday, June 17	Mount Vernon Place
Friday, June 18	Frankford Plaza Shopping Center Frankford and Moravia Avenues
Monday, June 21	St. Matthews Church Norman and Mayfield Avenues
Tuesday, June 22	Patterson Park
Wednesday, June 23	Dell—Charles & 31st Streets
Thursday, June 24	Mount Vernon Place
Friday, June 25	Edmondson Village
Monday, June 28	Bocek Playground Madison and Curley Streets
Tuesday, June 29	†Mondawmin Shopping Center
Wednesday, June 30	†Dell—Charles & 31st Streets

### JULY

Thursday, July 1	†Mount Vernon Place
Friday, July 2	†Northwood Shopping Center Havenwood Road & Loch Raven Boulevard
Monday, July 5	†Glen Park, Glen and Key Avenues
Tuesday, July 6	†Patterson Park
Wednesday, July 7	Bay-Brook Park, Sixth Street, Brooklyn
Thursday, July 8	Mount Vernon Place
Friday, July 9	Open Date—Rehearsal
Monday, July 12	*Baltimore Memorial Stadium

**Park Concert Band**  
GERALD EYTH, *Conductor*

**JULY**

Tuesday, July 13	Patterson Park
Wednesday, July 14	Dell—Charles & 31st Streets
Thursday, July 15	Mount Vernon Place
Friday, July 16	Erdman Shopping Center 4000 block Erdman Avenue
Monday, July 19	Jewish Community Center 5700 Park Heights Avenue
Tuesday, July 20	Patterson Park
Wednesday, July 21	Dell—Charles & 31st Streets
Thursday, July 22	Mount Vernon Place
Friday, July 23	Alameda Shopping Center 5600 block The Alameda
Monday, July 26	St. Matthews Church 5400 Loch Raven Boulevard
Tuesday, July 27	Patterson Park
Wednesday, July 28	Dell—Charles & 31st Streets
Thursday, July 29	Mount Vernon Place
Friday, July 30	Edmondson Village

**AUGUST**

Monday, August 2	Springdale & Hillsdale
Tuesday, August 3	Patterson Park
Wednesday, August 4	North Harford Playfield Berwick & Hamlet Avenues
Thursday, August 5	Mount Vernon Place
Friday, August 6	*Baltimore Memorial Stadium

\*Festivals of Music

†Patriotic Concerts

18:30-10:30 P.M.

# 1965 SCHEDULE CONCERT BANDS

## SUNDAY CONCERTS

DRUID HILL PARK  
3:00-5:00 P.M.

MONDAWMIN SHOPPING CENTER  
8:30-10:30 P.M.

ALL OTHERS  
7:00-9:00 P.M.

### Municipal Concert Band

WELDON J. IRVINE, JR., *Conductor*

### JUNE

Sunday,	June 6	Druid Hill Park, Grove 10
Sunday,	June 13	Lafayette Square
Sunday,	June 27	Easterwood Park Bentalou and Baker Streets

### JULY

Sunday,	July 4 (Patriotic Concert)	West Side Shopping Center 2400 Frederick Avenue
Sunday,	July 11	Druid Hill Park, Grove 10
Sunday,	July 18	South Baltimore Playground Sharp and Hamburg Streets

### Park Concert Band

CHARLES E. GWYNN, *Conductor*

Sunday,	July 25	Easterwood Park Bentalou and Baker Streets
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### AUGUST

Sunday,	August 1	Druid Hill Park, Grove 10
Tuesday,	August 3	Mondawmin Shopping Center
Sunday,	August 8	Lafayette Square
Friday,	August 13	West Side Shopping Center 2400 Frederick Avenue
Sunday,	August 15	Druid Hill Park, Grove 10

**CITY OF BALTIMORE  
DEPARTMENT OF FINANCE  
BUREAU OF MUSIC**

Detail Cost Statement of Operating Expenses for the Year 1965

**1 - GENERAL EXPENSES**

**11 Administrative Expenses**

11-1	Pay and Expenses of Employees.....	\$2,994.84
11-2	Office Supplies and Expenses.....	345.43
11-9	Miscellaneous Expenses.....	162.15

SUB-TOTAL..... \$3,502.42

TOTAL - GENERAL EXPENSES ..... \$ 3,502.42

**2 - OPERATING EXPENSES**

**22 #1 Municipal Concert Band Expenses**

22-1	Pay of Musicians and Technicians.....	\$9,815.04
22-3	Musical Scores.....	18.46
22-9	Miscellaneous.....	40.36

SUB-TOTAL..... \$9,873.86

**23 #1 Park Concert Band Expenses**

23-1	Pay of Musicians and Technicians.....	\$7,499.06
23-9	Miscellaneous.....	30.02

SUB-TOTAL..... \$7,529.08

**24 #2 Municipal Concert Band Expenses**

24-1	Pay of Musicians and Technicians.....	\$3,316.00
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**25 #2 Park Concert Band Expenses**

25-1	Pay of Musicians and Technicians.....	\$2,839.00
25-3	Musical Score.....	18.46

SUB-TOTAL..... \$2,857.46

**27 Special Concerts Expense**

27-9	Miscellaneous.....	\$574.48
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**29 Baltimore Symphony Orchestra.....** \$157,500.00

TOTAL 2 - OPERATING EXPENSES ... 181,650.88

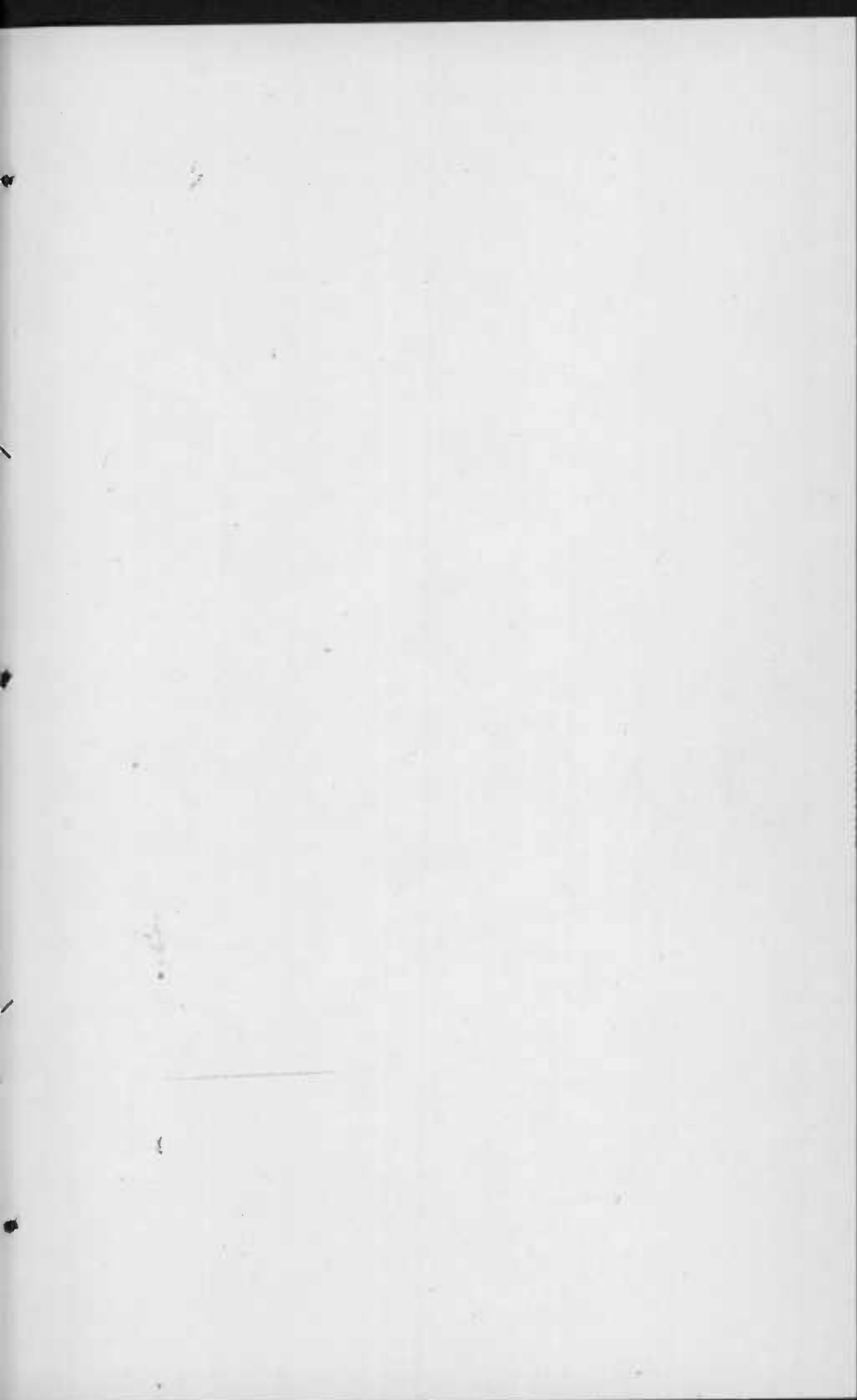
GRAND TOTAL..... \$185,153.30

**CITY OF BALTIMORE  
DEPARTMENT OF FINANCE  
BUREAU OF MUSIC**

Financial Statement of Appropriations as of December 31, 1965

<i>Account</i>	<i>Description</i>	<i>Forwarded From 1964</i>	<i>Appropriations</i>	<i>Increments</i>	<i>Total Credits</i>	<i>Expenditures</i>	<i>Encumbrances</i>	<i>Total Expenditures</i>	<i>Balance</i>
8.010	Salaries.....	-	\$ 5,758.00	-	\$ 5,758.00	\$ 2,887.12	-	\$ 2,887.12	\$2,870.88
8.011	Expenses.....	-	25,600.00	-	25,600.00	24,658.46	\$131.00	24,789.46	810.54
8.012	Baltimore Symphony Orch.....	\$37,500.00	120,000.00	-	157,500.00	157,500.00	-	157,500.00	0.00
	<b>SUB-TOTAL.....</b>	<b>\$37,500.00</b>	<b>\$151,358.00</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>\$188,858.00</b>	<b>\$185,045.58</b>	<b>\$131.00</b>	<b>\$185,176.58</b>	<b>\$3,681.42</b>
	To Other Funds.....	-	-	(3,681.42)	(3,681.42)	-	-	-	(3,681.42)
	<b>GRAND TOTAL.....</b>	<b>\$37,500.00</b>	<b>\$151,358.00</b>	<b>(3,681.42)</b>	<b>\$185,176.58</b>	<b>\$185,045.58</b>	<b>\$131.00</b>	<b>\$185,176.58</b>	<b>\$ 0.00</b>

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# *Annual Report*

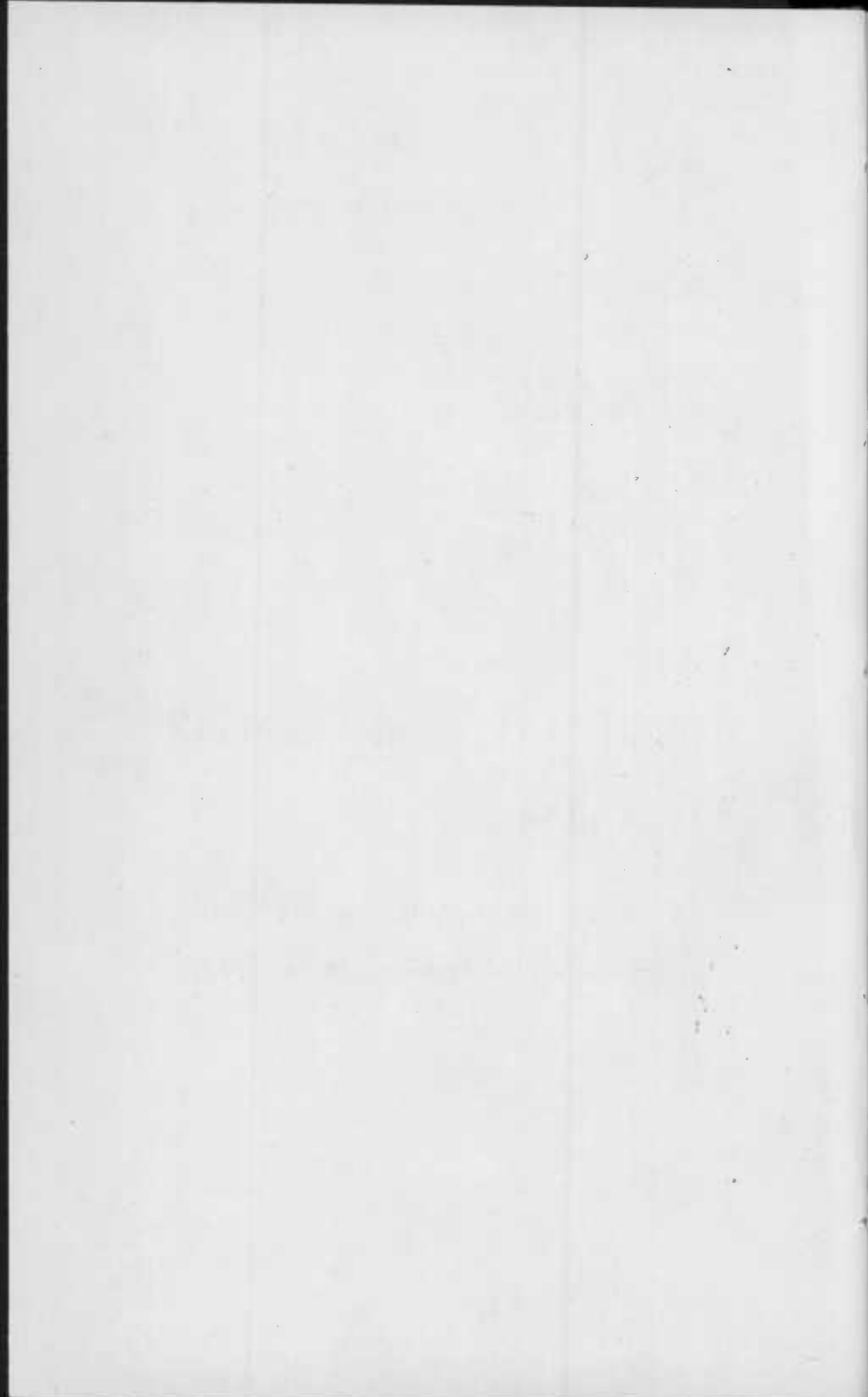
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## **DEPARTMENT OF RECREATION AND PARKS**

**CITY OF BALTIMORE, MARYLAND**

**Covering Period January 1 to June 30**

**1966**



CITY OF BALTIMORE, MARYLAND  
DEPARTMENT OF RECREATION AND PARKS

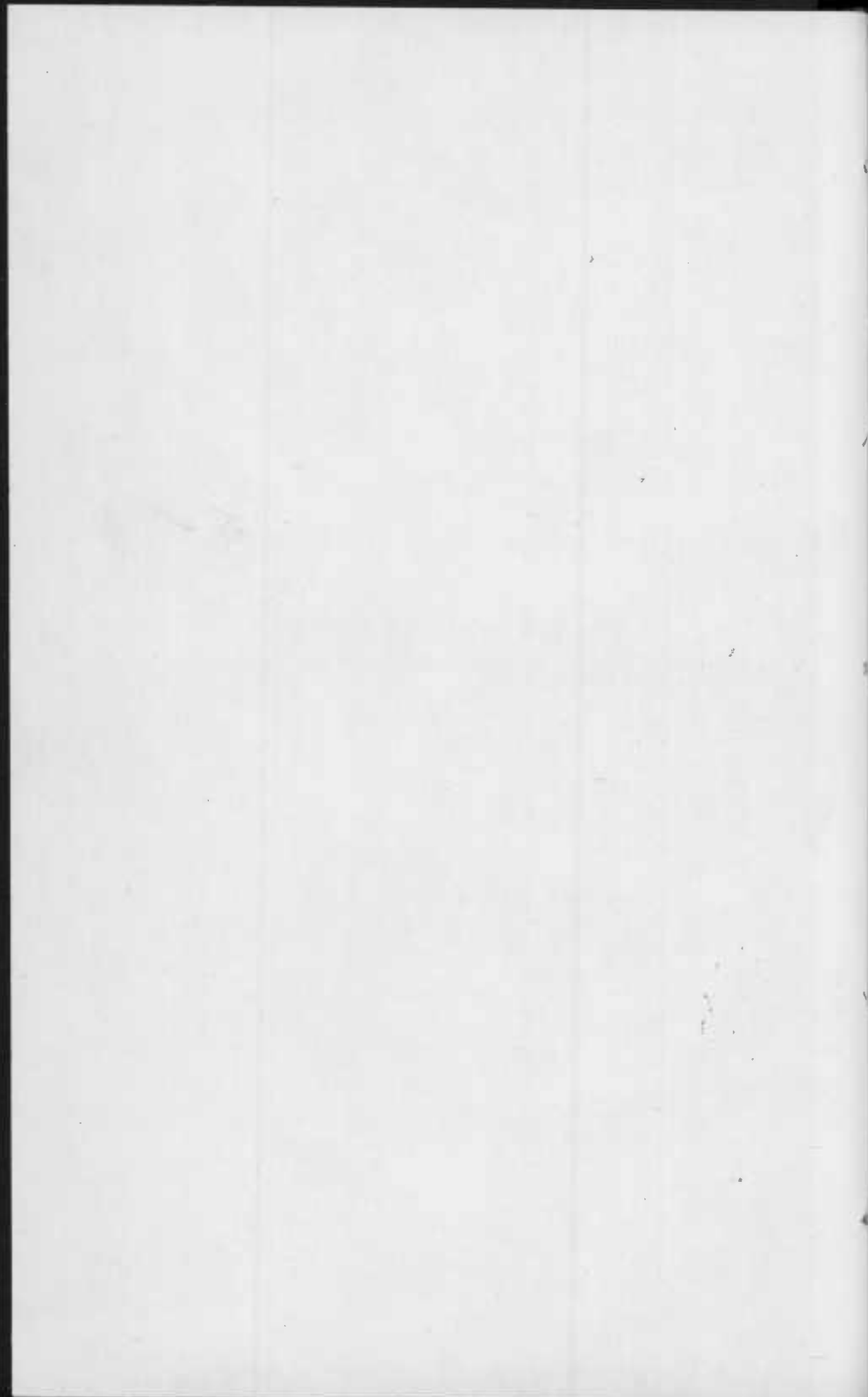
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THEODORE R. MCKELDIN, *Mayor*

BOARD OF RECREATION AND PARKS

Samuel Hopkins, *President*  
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Samuel Epstein  
Mrs. M. Richmond Farring  
Mrs. Robert L. Gill  
Joseph H. Rash  
Charles H. Rosenbaum

Douglas S. Tawney .....*Director*  
J. Irving Gray .....*Acting Executive Secretary*  
John G. Williams .....*Superintendent, Bureau of Recreation*  
L. Edgar Myerly.....*Superintendent, Bureau of Parks*  
J. Irving Gray.....*Superintendent, Bureau of Music*

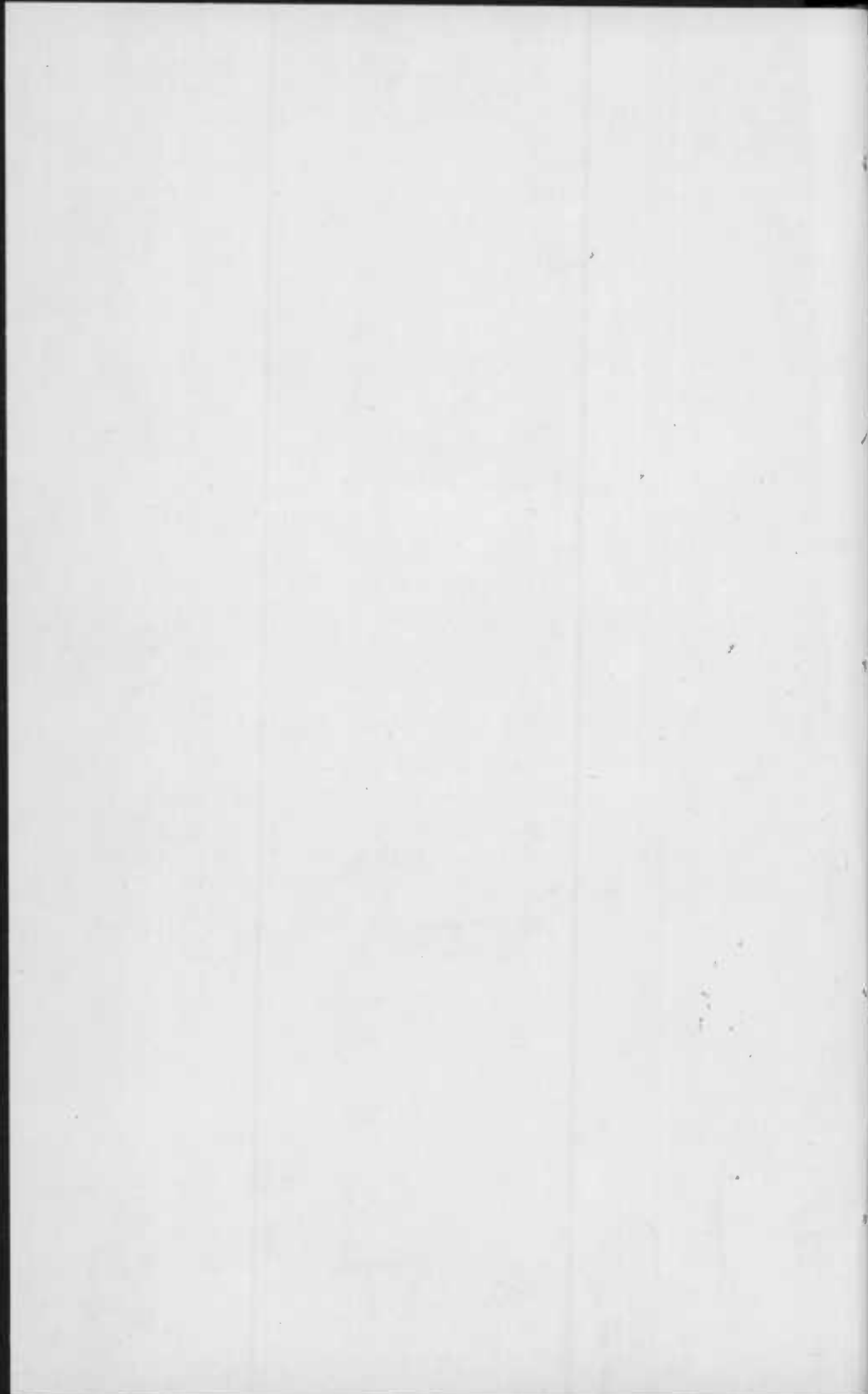


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February 1, 1967

The Honorable Members  
Board of Recreation and Parks  
City of Baltimore, Maryland

Respectfully transmitted for your consideration is the report of the Department of Recreation and Parks for the six months ending June 30, 1966. This, therefore, is in the nature of an interim report since it covers the six month period made necessary by the City of Baltimore's changing from a calendar year basis to a fiscal year, which will now run from July 1 to June 30 of each year, starting July 1, 1966. Our next annual report will cover the period July 1, 1966 to June 30, 1967.

The accomplishments of the Department of Recreation and Parks during the six month interim period are described in detail in this report. However, of particular interest were several developments.

Full use of all Federal grants has been made on the projects coming within their provisions. Our Departmental Funds — Loan, Budget and Capital Improvements have been analyzed, redistributed and utilized to the best advantage.

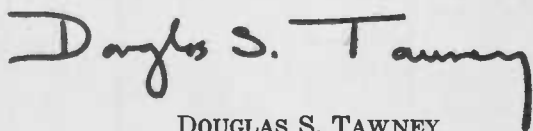
I am pleased to report that in the six months period, January 1-June 30, 1966, projects totaling nearly two million dollars have been completed or are under various stages of construction.

I wish to express to the Board and its members appreciation for the support and cooperation given and for the knowledge that advice and help were readily available at all times.

I wish to thank Mayor Theodore R. McKeldin, the City Council and the Board of Estimates for their generous support of our efforts during the period of this report. Acknowledgment is also made of the friendly cooperation extended this Department by officials of other City Departments and Bureaus, especially the Bureau of Building Construction, Department of Education, City Solicitor's Office, Planning Commission, Bureau of Highways and the Director of Public Works.

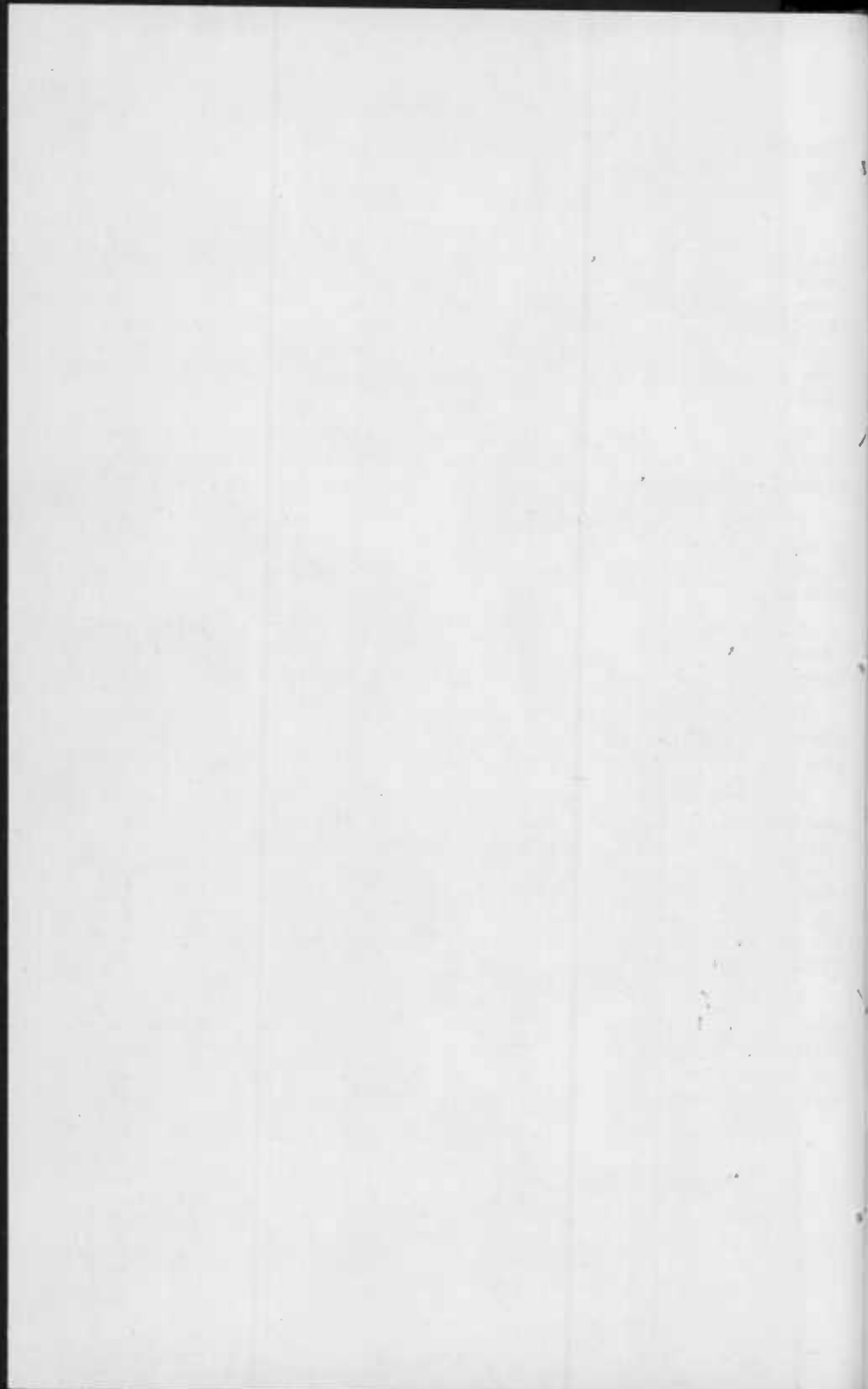
I also want to extend my thanks to all members of this Department who have so generously cooperated with me, especially the Bureau Heads, Division Superintendents, our Engineer and our Acting Executive Secretary, without whose support and efforts our accomplishments would not have been possible.

Respectfully submitted,



DOUGLAS S. TAWNEY  
*Director*





**DEPARTMENT OF RECREATION AND PARKS**  
**SECTION I — ADMINISTRATIVE DIVISION**

**A. ADMINISTRATION OFFICE**

DOUGLAS S. TAWNEY .....*Director*  
J. IRVING GRAY .....*Acting Executive Secretary*

**1. BOARD OF RECREATION AND PARKS**

The Board of Recreation and Parks held six regular meetings during the six month period ending June 30, 1966. The Real Estate Committee, along with members of the Staff, conducted five tours of inspection.

Active Committees during the year were:

*Budget* — Charles H. Rosenbaum, Chairman, Joseph H. Rash and Paul K. Hampshire

*Real Estate* — Samuel Epstein, Chairman, Mrs. M. Richmond Farring and Joseph H. Rash

*Health & Welfare Council of the Baltimore Area* — Mrs. M. Richmond Farring

*Board Representative Art Commission of Baltimore* — Mrs. M. Richmond Farring

*Stadium* — Joseph H. Rash, Chairman, Paul K. Hampshire and Charles H. Rosenbaum

*Zoo Promotion* — Mrs. M. Richmond Farring

*Committee on Rule #46* — Mrs. M. Richmond Farring, Charles H. Rosenbaum and Mrs. Robert L. Gill

**2. CONTRACTS**

The following contracts were entered into by the Board of Recreation and Parks during the first six months of 1966:

Annual Oriole Parking Lot Agreement	City-Poly Football Game
Hamilton Post #20, American Legion, March of Champions	Baltimore Colts Annual Intra-Squad Game
St. Marys Drum Corps Contest	ALSAC, Inc. — Stadium
Calvert Hall-Loyola Football Game	Sunshine Biscuit Company — Playground

**3. PROPERTY ACQUISITIONS AND DELETIONS**

Property holdings of this Department as of January 1, 1966 totaled 5757.25 acres. During the six months ending June 30, 1966, 3.48 acres were added and 1.36 acres were deleted.

On July 1, 1966, property under the jurisdiction of this Department was 5759.37 acres divided as follows: Large Parks 4707.41; Small Parks (Less than 100 acres) 655.67; Playgrounds 214.29; Boulevard Streets 145.29; Odd Lots 36.71.

Details on the property acquired and deleted in the first six months of 1966 are as follows:

**a. Acquired**

1. Purchased from BURHA for recreation center and playground 2 parcels of land known as lot 9, bounded by Ducatel Street, Brookfield Avenue and Linden Avenue, 1.20 acres; and lot 10, located on northeast corner of Brookfield Avenue and proposed Lennox Street, near Linden Avenue, 0.32 acres — Both in the Madison-Park North project of BURHA. Lot 9 cost \$115,960.00 and Lot 10 cost \$39,640.00. This project is known as John Eager Howard Elementary School Recreation Center and Playground. Total 1.52 acres.

2. Property on lower level in rear of 2 North Smallwood Street leased from Sunshine Biscuit Company (Mrs. Ihrie's Potato Chip Co.) for \$1.00 per year for indefinite period for playground purposes. .32 acres.

3. Property located 2121 Brunt Street given to this Department by the trustees of the Estate of Simon Needle for a playground. .13 acres.

4. Median strip located on Russell Street between Warner and Camden Streets turned over to us for maintenance only by the Bureau of Highways. .27 acres.

5. This property located at Carey, Cumberland, Baker and Stockton Streets was acquired in 1956 by this Department as a cooperative project with the Department of Education for \$257,536.00. The Department of Education improved it for joint use as a playground in conjunction with an addition they were making to the school located on the south side of Carey Street. This is now under our jurisdiction and operated exclusively by this Department. 1.06 acres.

6. This property located at 1502 Clipper Road was acquired as part of the Jones Falls Valley Park. It is improved with half of a two story semi-detached stone house. This was purchased at a cost of \$7,200.00 in fee. .185 acres.

**b. Deleted**

1. So that the Bureau of Highways could widen Moravia Road from Sinclair Lane to Pulaski Highway, three (3) parcels of park property were transferred to them for \$23,840.00. Parcel #1 is located along the south side of Bowleys Lane between the Susquehanna Transmission Line and Moravia Avenue; Parcels #2 and #3 extended Moravia Road south of Bowleys Lane. All parcels were part of Herring Run Park. 1.31 acres.

2. Two triangular pieces of property located on the east side of Linkwood Road north of University Parkway sold to Hopkins, Inc., for \$1,500.00 for access and landscaping purposes since it owns adjacent property and are constructing an apartment house. One parcel contains 2258 square feet; the other .22 square feet. .05 acres.

#### 4. DEPARTMENTAL CHANGES

Mr. Douglas S. Tawney, who had been appointed Director of the Department of Recreation and Parks on July 13, 1965, assumed those duties on January 1, 1966, when he was relieved from his previous position of Executive Director of the Civic Center.

Mr. John G. Williams, who was appointed as Superintendent of the Bureau of Recreation on December 7, 1965, was not able to take over those duties until January 17, 1966, since he came to this Department from the Department of Recreation and Parks of DeKalb County, Decatur, Georgia.

#### 5. DEATH OF EXECUTIVE SECRETARY

Mr. Joseph J. King, Executive Secretary to the Board of Recreation and Parks, passed away on February 15, 1966, after a short illness. Mr. King had faithfully served the City of Baltimore, the Board of Recreation and Parks and this Department for 20 years and his ability, loyalty and fidelity won for him the respect, esteem and affection of all his associates. A resolution attesting to his attributes was passed by the Board and entered in the minutes of that body.

### B. ENGINEERING DIVISION

GERALD W. BUNN, *Principal Engineer*

WILLIAM B. ELKINS, *Senior Civil Engineer*

The Engineering Division serves both the Bureau of Parks and the Bureau of Recreation in many and varied ways. Projects of diversified nature are designed and the construction is carried-out through contracts let by this office, or the other Bureaus of this Department. It is the responsibility of this office to see that all construction contracts, with the exception of those supervised by the Bureau of Building Construction, are properly carried-out. Field surveys of all types are performed, and Engineering assistance is rendered in our cooperative projects with other Departments.

#### 1. The following Projects were Designed and Contracts Let and Supervised by the Engineering Division:

- (a) Construction of Brunt Street Playlot.
- (b) Resealing of Tennis Courts at Clifton Park.
- (c) Repairs to Roof at Latrobe Park Field House.
- (d) Repairs to Roof at Pine Ridge Golf Course.
- (e) Air Conditioning of Visiting Team Clubhouse at Stadium.
- (f) Smallwood Street fencing and concrete work.
- (g) Zoo Parking Lot fencing.
- (h) Replacement of Metal Stairs at Clifton Park Clubhouse.
- (i) Replacement of Quarry Tile Floor at Pine Ridge Golf Course.

**2. Designed by Others — Contracts Let and Supervised by the Engineering Division:**

- (a) Swann Park Fieldhouse.
- (b) Zoo Parking Lot.

**3. Designed by Others — Engineering Assistance During Design and Construction:**

- (a) Easterwood Recreation Center.
- (b) Latrobe Recreation Center.
- (c) Hilton Recreation Center.
- (d) Lakeland-Dorchester Recreation Center.

**4. Designed by Engineering Division — Constructed by Construction Division:**

- (a) Landscaping Entrance to Clifton Park Clubhouse.
- (b) Landscaping Entrance to Pine Ridge Golf Course.
- (c) Mt. Vernon Balustrades.

**5. Miscellaneous Engineering Services:**

- (a) Topographic Survey — Comfort Station, Druid Hill Park.
- (b) Topographic Survey for Pony League Baseball Field, Carroll Park, and Final Grading.
- (c) Topographic Survey — Swann Park.
- (d) Topographic Survey — Bay-Brook Park for Recreation Center.
- (e) Test Borings — Bay-Brook Recreation Center.
- (f) Brunt Street Playlot.
- (g) Property Line — Georgetown Road.
- (h) Property Line — Forest Park Golf Course for fencing.
- (i) Location of Utility Lines for Giraffe House.
- (j) Grade of Memorial Plaza for Brick Walks.

**CITY OF BALTIMORE**  
**BUREAU OF ACCOUNTING OPERATIONS**  
**DEPARTMENT OF RECREATION AND PARKS**

Cost Statement of Operating Expenses for the Period  
 January 1 to June 30, 1966

**1 — GENERAL EXPENSES**

11	<b>Administrative Expenses</b>		
11-1	Executive Salaries and Expenses.....	\$20,182.20	
11-2	Clerical Salaries and Expenses.....	6,845.68	
11-3	Office Supplies and Expenses.....	599.09	
11-4	Special Consultant Salaries.....	75.00	
11-9	Miscellaneous Expenses .....	162.45	
	Sub-Total .....	<u>\$27,864.42</u>	
	Total 1 — General Expenses.....		\$27,864.42

**2 — OPERATING EXPENSES**

21-D	<b>Operating Management Expenses — General</b>		
21-D-1	Pay and Expenses of Employees.....	\$27,400.85	
21-D-2	Office Supplies and Expenses.....	243.06	
21-D-9	Miscellaneous Expenses .....	7.50	
	Sub-Total .....	<u>\$27,651.41</u>	
	Total 2 — Operating Expenses .....		\$27,651.41

**6 — FIXED ASSETS AND FUNDS**

61	<b>General Properties</b>		
61-1	Administrative Properties .....	\$432.50	
68-A	<b>Motor Transportation Properties</b>		
68-A-2	Motor Vehicle Properties.....	\$1,486.00	
	Total 6 — Fixed Assets and Funds....		<u>1,918.50</u>

**GRAND TOTAL** ..... \$57,434.33

DEPARTMENT OF  
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## SECTION II — CAPITAL IMPROVEMENTS

### A. BUREAU OF RECREATION

#### 1. COMPLETED PROJECTS

The following projects were completed during the six months ending June 30, 1966, totaling \$174,979.00:

- a. **ROBERTON PLAY LOT — ROBERTON AND CHATFORD AVENUES**  
This play lot was redesigned, apparatus installed and the existing fence repaired at a cost of \$17,554.00.
- b. **BROOKLYN RECREATION CENTER — THIRD STREET AND PATAPSCO AVENUE**  
The kitchen at this Center was enlarged at a cost of \$7,777.00.
- c. **JOHN BOOTH RECREATION CENTER — CLAREMONT AND EATON STREETS**  
The old bathhouse located on this site was remodeled into a recreation center containing recreation rooms, office, toilets, storage and kitchenette. This will be used mainly for the Golden Age Clubs. The United Auto Workers Union cooperated to the extent of furnishing an air conditioning unit and some other furnishings and equipment. The building was purchased for \$13,500.00 from an appropriation from the Mayor and City Council Real Property Account. Total cost, excluding United Auto Workers contribution of approximately \$10,000.00, was \$48,600.00.
- d. **RECREATION PIER — FOOT OF BROADWAY**  
The assembly room at this location was remodeled to make it suitable for basketball at a cost of \$16,758.00.
- e. **JANNEY-KRESSON PLAYGROUND — 100 BLOCK JANNEY STREET**  
Additional property was acquired from the Bureau of Water Supply, alongside of the existing playground, with an appropriation of \$32,800.00 from the Mayor and City Council Real Property Account. Various structures were demolished and the site cleared. The entire area was enlarged and redesigned as a playground. Total cost, including acquisition of land, was \$84,290.00.

#### 2. WORK UNDER CONTRACT

Projects under contract totaled \$838,626.00.

- a. **EUTAW ELEMENTARY SCHOOL RECREATION CENTER (CRISPUS ATTUCKS) McMECHEN, LAURENS AND WILSON STREETS**  
This represents a school recreation center being built in cooperation with the Department of Education on school property when the school is built. Funds in the amount of \$180,000.00 have been transferred to the Department of Education. This project is now 85% complete.

- b. LAKELAND-DORCHESTER HEIGHTS SCHOOL #12 — SCHOOL RECREATION CENTER — WEGWORTH LANE AND OVERMOUNT AVENUE

This is another cooperative project with the Department of Education to include a recreation center in the school building when it is constructed. Our portion of the cost, \$180,000.00, has been transferred to the Department of Education. Work is now 99% complete.

- c. RIVERSIDE PARK PLAYFIELD — COVINGTON, RANDALL AND JOHNSON STREETS

Contract awarded for redesigning the playfield, erecting a field house and enlarging the existing softball field, in the amount of \$50,140.00. This project is now 95% complete.

- d. EASTERWOOD PARK RECREATION CENTER — BENTALOU AND BAKER STREETS

Recreation center being constructed to contain multi-purpose room, clubroom, craft shop, office, storage room, check room, kitchen, and toilet facilities. This project was included in contract for Latrobe and Hilton Recreation Centers and it is now 50% complete. The contract for the three recreation centers was in the amount of \$396,000.00.

- e. LATROBE PARK RECREATION CENTER — FORT AVENUE AND TOWSON STREET

This recreation center to contain same facilities as Easterwood Park Recreation Center and was included in contract for Easterwood Park and Hilton Recreation Centers. It is now 50% complete.

- f. HILTON RECREATION CENTER — MOUNT OLIVET AND PHELPS LANES

This recreation center to contain same facilities as those in Latrobe and Easterwood Recreation Centers and was included in contract for those two centers and is now 50% complete.

- g. YALE HEIGHTS PLAYGROUND — BETHNAL DRIVE, YALE AVENUE, CEDAR GARDEN AND ELDONE ROADS

Contract in the amount of \$32,486.00 awarded for redesigning the playfield and installation of apparatus. It is now 10% complete. This has been approved for Federal grant under the Federal Land and Water Conservation Act (BOR) on a 50% reimbursement basis.

### 3. PROJECTS IN STUDY OR AWAITING LAND ACQUISITION (FUNDS AVAILABLE)

- a. JAMES MCHENRY SCHOOL #10 — SCHOOL RECREATION CENTER — HOLLINS AND SCHROEDER STREETS

This represents another joint cooperative project with the Department of Education for a recreation center to be included when the school is constructed. The necessary property has been acquired. The architect is completing final plans and specifications and the Department of Education expects to advertise for bids in the early fall.



- b. JOHN EAGER HOWARD ELEMENTARY SCHOOL #61 — RECREATION CENTER — LINDEN AVENUE AND KOENIG STREET  
This represents another joint cooperative project with the Department of Education. Since funds were not available when the school was originally built, the architect at our request made provisions for a recreation center to be built later. Architect has final plans and specifications completed for the recreation center and the playground. Property has been acquired from BURHA known as lot #10 for the recreation center and lot #9 for the playground. Federal grant for the playground has been applied for under the Land and Water Conservation Act (BOR) and we are awaiting its approval.
- c. BAY-BROOK RECREATION CENTER AND PLAYGROUND — 6TH AND 10TH STREETS  
Recreation center and playground to be constructed at this location. Architect has final plans and specifications about completed.
- d. MCKIM RECREATION CENTER AND PLAYGROUND — BALTIMORE AND AISQUITH STREETS  
Recreation center and playground to be constructed at this location. Property has been acquired and architect engaged, subject to an agreement between this Department and the McKim organization being finalized.
- e. STEUART HILL SCHOOL #4 RECREATION CENTER — HOLLINS, GILMOR, LOMBARD AND MOUNT STREETS  
This is another cooperative project with the Department of Education for a recreation center to be included when the school is constructed. Architects have final plans and specifications 70% complete.
- f. JOHN ROGERS SCHOOL #27 RECREATION CENTER — FAYETTE AND CHESTER STREETS  
Representing still another of our joint cooperative efforts with the Department of Education, this recreation center will be built in conjunction with the school building. Architects have final plans and specifications 55% complete.
- g. FURLEY AND SIPPLE AVENUES SCHOOL RECREATION CENTER — FURLEY AND SIPPLE AVENUES  
This is another cooperative project with the Department of Education to include a recreation center when the school building is constructed. Funds available at the present time are for architects fees only for advanced planning so that this may be coordinated in the Department of Education's School Construction Program.
- h. MOYER AND CLEARVIEW SCHOOL RECREATION CENTER — MOYER AND CLEARVIEW AVENUES  
The same remarks applying to Furley and Sipple Avenues School Recreation Center are applicable to this project.

## B. BUREAU OF PARKS

### 1. COMPLETED PROJECTS 6 MONTHS ENDING JUNE 30, 1966

TOTAL \$67,420.00

- \*a. LEAKIN PARK  
A concrete floor was constructed in the stable building at a cost of \$4,710.00
- \*\*b. AIR CONDITIONING OF VISITORS LOCKER ROOM — STADIUM  
This was installed at a cost of \$3,540.00.
- \*c. FIELD LIGHTING — STADIUM  
This represents the first phase of the renovation of the field lighting; 276 fixtures with lamps were installed by our Stadium maintenance men. Total cost \$13,110.00.
- \*d. LOG BURNER — DRUID HILL PARK (PROSPECT HILL)  
Contract was awarded through the City Purchasing Department for purchase and installation in the amount of \$32,365.00.
- \*\*e. MOUNT PLEASANT GOLF COURSE — EQUIPMENT AND STORAGE BUILDING  
Metal building was erected to replace the building destroyed by fire. Total cost \$13,695.00. We expect to recover \$8,900.00 from Fire Recovery Funds.

### 2. WORK UNDER CONTRACT

TOTAL \$853,545.00

- †a. GIRAFFE HOUSE — DRUID HILL PARK ZOO  
Contract was awarded for the construction of this building in the amount of \$284,099.00. It is now 75% complete.
- †b. HIPPOPOTAMUS HOUSE AND ANTELOPE MOAT — DRUID HILL PARK ZOO  
Contract awarded for the construction of this building in amount of \$373,000.00. Project is now 10% complete.
- c. COMFORT STATION — DRUID HILL PARK (TENNIS COURT AREA)  
Contract awarded for this building in the amount of \$21,921.00. It is now 70% complete. We expect to recover these funds from the Fire Recovery Fund since the original building was destroyed by fire.
- †d. ZOO PARKING LOT #1 — DRUID HILL PARK  
This is being constructed adjacent to the Deer Pen Area. Contract awarded in the amount of \$69,693.00 and project is now 90% complete.
- \*e. SWANN PARK FIELD HOUSE — MCCOMAS STREET WEST OF HANOVER STREET  
Type "B" field house being erected at this location at a cost of \$49,580.00. This project is now 85% complete.
- \*f. DRUID HILL PARK GREENHOUSES  
The heating system in the greenhouses is being renovated. Contract awarded in amount of \$4,986.00 and project is now 25% complete.

\* Capital Improvement Funds  
\*\* Budget Funds

† Loan Funds

g. **BROADWAY SQUARES — BETWEEN MONUMENT AND ORLEANS STREETS**

These squares are to be renovated and landscaped. This is being accomplished through the generosity of an anonymous donor who contributed \$50,000.00 for this work. Contract awarded, but contractor has not as yet started work.

h. **LATROBE MONUMENT — BROADWAY AND BALTIMORE STREETS**  
This monument to be cleaned — contract awarded in the amount of \$266.00.

**OTHER FUTURE PROJECTS**

a. **CARROLL PARK CLUB HOUSE**

This facility to be remodeled. Architect has preliminary plans and specifications 70% complete.

b. **BONVIEW PLAYGROUND — CHESTERFIELD AND BONVIEW AVENUES**

This playground is to be hard surfaced. Our engineers have plans and specifications 80% complete.

c. **DEWEES PLAYGROUND — TUNBRIDGE AND IVANHOE AVENUES**  
Lights are to be installed and tennis and basketball courts are to be resurfaced. Our engineers have plans and specifications 80% complete.

d. **PARK AVENUE SQUARES — 1600 AND 1700 BLOCKS, PARK AVENUE**

These squares are to be renovated. Our staff has met with neighborhood representatives and our engineers have plans and specifications 70% complete.

e. **BROADWAY SQUARES, INCLUDING THOMAS WILDEY MONUMENT — BALTIMORE TO ORLEANS STREET**

The Thomas Wildey Monument on Broadway between Fayette Street and Fairmount Avenue is to be cleaned and landscaped. The Broadway Squares are to be sodded, new paving and the areas landscaped.

f. **STADIUM — FIELD LIGHTING**

This represents Phase 2 of the renovation of the field lighting to also include increasing the size of the feeder wires.

g. **PATTERSON PARK — REPLACEMENT OF FLOOD LIGHTS**

This improvement consists of replacing lights at Ortman Field.

h. **DRUID HILL PARK — HIGH SERVICE FIELD**

The flood lights are to be replaced at the High Service Field.

i. **CONSTRUCTION OF FENCES, BACKSTOPS AND FOOTWAYS AT VARIOUS UNDETERMINED LOCATIONS**

j. **PERKINS SQUARE — GAZEBO**

Renovation of the gazebo — replacing of the roof and the cupola, and filling and paving of the spring area inside of the gazebo with an aggregate. Gibbons of Baltimore has offered to paint and decorate the gazebo at no cost to this Department.

k. COMFORT STATION — UPPER LEAKIN PARK

Our engineers have completed plans and specifications for this. Funds have been allocated from the Mayor and City Council Real Property Account. Approval now being requested from the Planning Commission and the Department of Finance.

l. GEORGETOWN AND DESOTO ROADS PLAYGROUND —  
GEORGETOWN AND DESOTO ROADS AND HERKIMER AND  
LETITIA STREETS

Property has been acquired through open-space land grant from the Federal government which has been approved on a 50% reimbursement basis. Engineers have been engaged to prepare plans and specifications. It is our intention when these are completed to apply for development grant under the Open Space Land Act for 50% development funds.

m. MADISON AVENUE ARCHWAY — MADISON AVENUE AT  
DRUID HILL PARK

This archway is to be cleaned.

### C. STATEMENT OF LOAN FUNDS

Since there were no changes made during the six month period ending June 30, 1966 covered by this report in these statements, reference is made to detailed information contained in our 1965 Annual Report, pages 17 and 18.

However, there has been approved loan funds totaling \$1,500,000.00 to be placed on the ballot at the November 8, 1966 election for this Department. These funds, if authorized by the voters, have been allocated for the following projects:

Bay-Brook Park .....	\$ 600,000.00
Recreation Centers at:	
Edgecombe Circle School #62 and	
Woodholme Elementary School .....	500,000.00
Ice Skating Rink — Patterson Park .....	250,000.00
Baltimore Memorial Stadium .....	100,000.00
Wyman Park Improvements .....	50,000.00

TOTAL \$1,500,000.00

Contingent upon approval of the voters, these funds will still have to be placed in the Budgets of this Department.

## SECTION III — REPORT OF THREE BUREAUS

### A. BUREAU OF PARKS

MR. L. EDGAR MYERLY, *Superintendent of Parks*

MR. CHARLES A. YOUNG, JR., *Assistant Superintendent of Parks*

MR. NORMAN W. DAUGHERTY, *Administrative Assistant*

#### 1. ADMINISTRATIVE DEVELOPMENTS

Special accomplishments of the Bureau of Parks for the transitional six months period prior to the City's converting from a calendar year financial operation to a fiscal year, July 1 to June 30, are listed primarily by Park Divisions. However, certain operations were conducted in all Divisions under direction of the Bureau office. This includes the continued spreading of limestone on the turf of parks and golf courses with the application of 379.8 tons during April and May. This work was again accomplished by contract. Similarly, a contract for the application of a weedicide to 2,656,000 square feet of turf was completed. The application required 1 gallon of 2-4D, plus silvex, per 1,000 square feet and produced very satisfactory control of weeds in turf.

The Bureau continued to use Neighborhood Youth Corps enrollees in the maintenance of the parks. Difficulty was experienced in obtaining a sufficient number of enrollees who would report to work regularly. The Bureau also cooperated with the Department of Welfare by providing employment for welfare recipients who were assigned to the Work Experience Program. These persons spent six hours each day in routine work under the supervision of park employees following a two hour session of training supervised by the Department of Education.

#### 2. CAPITAL IMPROVEMENTS

The following projects were completed in the Capital Improvement Program during the period January 1 to June 30, 1966:

1. Repair of the balustrade of the East Square of Mt. Vernon Place.
2. Five tennis courts at Clifton Park were resurfaced with Plexipave.
3. At the Druid Hill Park service area, a rigid frame storage building, 50 by 126 feet with 7 fiberglas overhead doors of 20 feet span, was constructed for use by the Forestry Division.
4. At the service area, Mt. Pleasant Park, a rigid frame storage building, 40 feet by 73 feet, with 5 overhead doors of 16 foot span, was constructed.

#### 3. CARROLL DIVISION

MR. HARRY KUES, *District Superintendent of Parks*

The refurbishing of the exterior of Mt. Clare Mansion was continued in 1966 with the planting of shrubs and ground covering plants. On May 22, the Maryland Society of Colonial Dames held an

open house to display the newly decorated interior of this historic building. The interior and exterior now present a most satisfactory appearance and provide for preservation of the home of Charles Carroll, The Barrister.

On the section of Carroll Park west of Monroe Street, a little league size baseball field was placed into service with the erection of a 20 foot by 40 foot backstop. This project required extensive grading and filling to create a playing field on this sloping site.

The parking area at Fort Smallwood was resurfaced, using 48 tons of crushed stone. The erosion of the beach and waterfront area was repaired by filling with sand salvaged from the bay. Effective April 2, the parking fee at Fort Smallwood Park for automobiles was increased from 50¢ to \$1.00. This increase in parking fee produced revenue of \$7,919.00 during the first six months of 1966. For a comparable period in 1965, \$6,147.25 was derived as revenue from parking fees.

A tract of approximately 7.5 acres in the 1500 block DeSoto Road was assigned to the Division for clearing and development. The clearing of unwanted trees and the removing of trash from the area was undertaken with Neighborhood Youth Corps workers under the supervision of three employees of the Division. The project resulted in a site that will serve the recreational needs of the community, pending the development of the site with the assistance of funds from a Federal grant.

The Division demolished the field house at Swann Park. Following the cleaning of the site, the construction of a type "B" field house was begun. It is anticipated this building will provide much needed dressing rooms for athletic teams using this park.

#### 4. CLIFTON DIVISION

MR. FRANCIS R. JONES, *District Superintendent of Parks*

During the spring months, the area on the north side of Clifton Mansion was extensively renovated to a plan prepared by Mr. Charles Tyson, the landscape architect for the Department of Recreation and Parks. This renovation realigned the approach to the first tee of the golf course and provided improved seating for golfers and observers. Raised shrubbery beds and extensive planting of shrubbery and the paving of the area were completed by the Horticulture and Construction Divisions.

In Mothers Garden, 18 flowering trees and 100 Marx Graf rose bushes were planted to increase the attractiveness of this garden. Personnel were permanently assigned to provide improved maintenance of this area.

The Clifton Park Swimming Pool was improved by the reconstruction of the ticket booth and the entrance to the athletic dressing rooms.

In Upper Herring Run Park at Coxen's Meadow, the backstop at diamond #2 was replaced with a hooded backstop and the softball field converted to a little league type field.

At Mt. Pleasant Park, grading around the new storage building was begun and a large quantity of sludge was spread in the wooded area south of Northern Parkway. The pedestrian bridges on the Mt. Pleasant golf course were improved by the installation of used conveyer belting to provide suitable covering over the concrete decks for the spiked shoes of golfers.

The installation of pipe and chain fencing on 33rd Street Parkway at points where pedestrian crossing was not desired produced very encouraging results. The areas protected by the fencing will be sodded in the fall and footways installed at the end of selected blocks to accommodate the pedestrian traffic.

Neighborhood Youth Corps workers were employed in the following projects: painting fences, benches and backstops at Clifton Park, DeWees and North Harford Playfields.

To reduce flooding and erosion in the Mt. Pleasant Park Playground, a berm of broken concrete topped with soil was placed along 300 feet of Herring Run.

The enclosed field in Clifton Park was conditioned for the Junior Municipal Games on June 24. This event, sponsored by the Bureau of Recreation, attracted 1,000 contestants. At Graham Memorial Park, on May 21, 22 and 23, the Loch Raven District Boy Scouts of America held its annual Camporee with 3,000 scouts and friends attending the event.

A 5,000 square foot area on the Walther Boulevard slope of Burdick Park was treated with the growth inhibitor, MH 30-T, to determine whether vegetation can be controlled in areas that are difficult to maintain with mechanical equipment.

## 5. CONSTRUCTION DIVISION

MR. GEORGE L. NICKEL, *District Superintendent*

At Mt. Vernon Square, the marble balustrade on the west end of the east square was dismantled and rebuilt to eliminate the unstable condition of the foundation. This project required installing footings of reinforced concrete, resetting 74 lineal feet of marble balustrade, and laying 2,100 square feet of concrete footway.

The Division prepared the site and installed the concrete footings for the new storage building in Mt. Pleasant Park. Following erection of the building, the base for driveway, installing of a gasoline pump and tank, and grading of the slopes in preparation for seeding were accomplished.

At Clifton Mansion, the Division installed 250 lineal feet of 12 inch thick retaining wall of Butler stone and 3,800 square feet of bituminous concrete footway in conjunction with the landscaping of the area at the first tee.

The athletic field at Sinclair Lane and Wolfe Street in Clifton Park was regraded to improve the drainage and required the installation of 425 lineal feet of new drain line and 3 storm water catch basins.

To provide electric power for the new Giraffe building at the

Zoo, 1800 lineal feet of dual 4 inch fibre conduit for electric circuits and one 4 inch fibre conduit for telephone circuits were built. Included in this project was the building of 8 masonry vaults.

At Fort Smallwood Park, a new 150 GPM water pump was installed for the water system.

The carpentry forces accomplished the following projects at Memorial Stadium: four new speaker boxes for the public address system were built; the dark room was renovated; three new ticket booths built, and the wheel chair platform was rebuilt.

At Cylburn Park greenhouse, an aluminum and glass partition was erected to facilitate the instruction program of the Horticulture Division. The floor of the lecture room in Cylburn Mansion was repaired.

At the Druid Hill Swimming Pool building, a locker room was built on the second floor to accommodate the athletic program of the Baltimore Institute. At the Loch Raven Skeet Range, major repairs were made to the equipment building.

In Carroll Park, a new roof was installed on the shelter on the golf course and major repairs were made to the roof of the shop building. At Fort Smallwood, the bathing beach concession stand was enlarged. At Latrobe Park field house, it was necessary to renew 20% of the roof sheathing to permit the repairing of the slate roof by contract. Seventy-five new picnic tables were built for distribution to the operating Divisions.

At Hillsdale Park, 2,000 lineal feet of 8 foot chain link fence were installed along the west side of the golf course to insure the safety of persons and property in the newly erected dwelling that adjoins the course.

The painting force of the Division accomplished the painting of the cages in the Mammal House, refurbishing the displays at the Children's Zoo, the interior of Mt. Pleasant Clubhouse, and the exterior of the equipment buildings at Loch Raven Skeet Range. The Pine Ridge Clubhouse was painted on both interior and exterior, and the shelter at the Carroll Park golf course was repainted.

At Fort Smallwood, the exterior of all buildings and picnic tables were painted. At the Memorial Stadium, the annual repainting of walls and comfort facilities including the painting of 23,171 chain back seats in multiple colored pattern.

In Patterson Park, the music pavilion and quoit shed were painted.

In addition to routine repairing of equipment, the welding force rebuilt the Kodiak bear cage at the Zoo with one inch steel bars to increase the security for these animals.

The Construction Division assisted at the preparation for the Annual Flower Mart in Mt. Vernon Place with the installation of electric power and sound equipment.



## 6. DRUID HILL DIVISION

MR. ROBERT L. ARO, *District Superintendent*

At Pine Ridge golf course clubhouse, the terrace was repaired by resetting the quarry tile floor. The area adjoining the first tee was improved by the resurfacing of 800 square feet of walkway with Reslite. The area was landscaped and 3,800 square feet of sod was installed between the walkways. The 11th and 15th tees were enlarged by 14,000 square feet, fairways #2, 3, and 7 were repaired, and the borders of greens 2, 5, 7, and 8 were repaired with 22,000 square feet of sod.

In the 900 block of Eutaw Place, the center plot was surrounded by a pipe and chain fence to discourage pedestrians from traversing the turf area. A similar arrangement was also made at the Gloria Victis Monument on Mt. Royal Avenue. The turf at both sites was preserved by this installation.

In Druid Hill Park, an unused walkway on the north side of #1 playground was returned to turf and 60,000 bricks recovered for other use. At the High Service Field, the spectator seats surrounding #5 softball diamond were replaced with steel bleachers that were previously stored at Pine Ridge Golf Course. In advance of the construction of the parking area at Memorial Grove, the Division removed 30,000 square feet of sod and 1,046 cubic yards of top soil were salvaged and used at other locations.

At Irvin Luckman Memorial playground, 36 cubic yards of topsoil, 60 pounds of grass seed, and 2 tons of straw for mulch were used in the repairing of slopes.

On May 15, the area surrounding Druid Hill Lake was visited by 40,000 persons to view the annual Art Festival. The Netmen Co-Ed Tennis Club sponsored an open tennis tournament on the clay courts of the Conservatory on June 23 to 26. This event attracted contestants from several locations beyond Baltimore.

At Pine Ridge Golf Course, spring tournaments for the Men's Division and for the Women's Division of the Baltimore Golf Association, National Open Qualifying Round, Junior Championship, Middle Atlantic Section USGA, Pitch and Putt Golf Club Tournament and the Baltimore Public Parks Championship were held.

The Auto Maintenance Shop performed maintenance on vehicles for all Divisions. The following maintenance was accomplished:

	Type	Truck	Tractor
Motors Overhauled .....		5	11
Transmissions Repaired and Installed.....		3	3
Clutches Installed .....		22	15
Brakes Relined .....		6	10
Brakes Adjusted .....		30	22
Valve Grinding jobs .....		2	3
Rear end replacements .....			4
Other Maintenance Performed			
Tire and tube repairs.....	95	Road Calls .....	243
Lubrication .....	200	Crawler Loader Clutch installation..	1
Small Engine overhauls.....	24	Tractor Mowers sharpened and	
King Pin and Bushing repairs.....	4	repaired .....	150
Hand Mowers sharpened and		Generator, Starter and Muffler	
repaired .....	20	repairs .....	31

## 7. FORESTRY DIVISION

MR. FREDERICK S. GRAVES, *City Forester*

The first five months of 1966 gave much encouragement to persons desiring an end to the succession of dry years. This encouragement proved to be short-lived when rain fell on only two days in June and the temperature climbed to a new record reading during the last week of the month. Rainfall was reported on three days in January, four days in February, and two days in March. April and May were unusually rainy months with nine days in April, and ten days of rain fell in May. A light snowfall was recorded on three days in January with 26 inches of snow on January 29 and 30, followed by a heavy snowfall on February 2. These storms produced the heaviest accumulation of snow in four years.

Trees were damaged by storms on six occasions during the first six months of 1966. The Division was able to clear up damaged trees without disruptions to traffic movement and only minor diversion from the Division's activities.

The survey of Dutch elm disease infection indicates that Baltimore City will suffer the loss of only a small percentage of the elm tree population in 1966. To June 30, the loss of elm trees was 22, with 14 trees pending removal on the public highways. In the parks, 6 elm trees had been removed and one was pending removal. The loss of 36 trees from 10,000 elm trees on the public highways is very favorable evidence that Dutch elm disease can be controlled by prompt removal of infected trees and a thorough program of spraying for control of elm bark beetles. Baltimore is regarded as ranking at the top among major cities in the control of this tree infection.

In the spring of this year 3,956 trees were planted by the Division. Of this number 3,635 were planted on the public highways and 321 in the public parks and squares. This planting used 52 species of trees, is the greatest number of trees planted in a single season; and from available records, makes Baltimore City the leading municipality, nation-wide, in tree planting. The record planting was achieved by organizing a crew to cut openings in the concrete footways and fill each site with topsoil during the winter months. This operation required three dump trucks, a concrete cutting saw, air powered breaking hammers, and ten men. Favorable planting weather and the concerted effort of the Division during the 90 day tree planting season contributed to the record accomplishment.

To provide stock for planting in the fall of 1966 and the spring of 1967, the Division planted 7,000 saplings in Crimea Nursery. It is anticipated that a readily available stock of trees will greatly facilitate planting operations in the coming seasons.

The maintenance of saplings planted on the public highways continued to be a most difficult problem. The lack of rain in June continued throughout July and August, and watering by the Forestry Division was inadequate to meet the needs of the trees. Announcements of need for water prominently placed in the public press and spot announcements by radio stations did not generate watering of

the trees by property owners. Unfortunately, weeds in the planting space thrive without water, and the Division was not able to keep pace with the need for cultivation of the recently planted trees.

The insect spraying program was carried on with difficulty as the mist blower that was scheduled for delivery in May had not arrived by June 30, and the existing mist blower was out of service on many days due to mechanical failures. Despite this handicap, an adequate spraying prior to the emerging of elm bark beetles and spraying for control of Tussock moth caterpillars was accomplished. The spraying of ash and locust for control of borers and mosquito control was carried out on a limited basis.

The log burning incinerator was placed in service in May. This gas-fired incinerator will dispose of 3.85 tons of logs and tree brush in 8 hours at an operating temperature of 1200° Fahrenheit. A successful plan for automatic loading of the unit has not been accomplished and the full potential of the burner is yet to be reached.

On June 30, a census of street trees was completed and indicated that 166,355 trees were present.

## 8. GWYNNS FALLS DIVISION

MR. ALVIN E. ALLEN, *District Superintendent of Parks*

On the north side of Winterbourne Road near Hilton Parkway in Gwynns Falls Park, an informal ball field was constructed on the site of the abandoned concrete tennis courts. This field provided a much needed play space and will permit boys to play without becoming involved in traffic on Hilton Parkway.

Repair to the turf on Gwynns Falls Parkway, Hanlon Park, and the area south of North Avenue from Hilton Parkway to Denison Street in Gwynns Falls Park required 10 cubic yards of topsoil, 135 pounds of grass seed, and 3,000 square feet of sod.

At Forest Park Golf Course, a nursery of U-3 Bermuda grass was established. On the fairways 60,000 square feet of turf was renovated and reseeded. This project required 30 cubic yards of topsoil, 20 cubic yards of burrow soil, and 300 pounds of grass seed; 8,700 square feet of sod was placed at tees #3, 5, 9, 11, 12, and 18 and the area adjoining the clubhouse.

## 9. HORTICULTURE DIVISION

MR. GERARD J. MOUDRY, *Park Horticulturist*

The Horticulture Division separated its activities into the following functions: indoor gardening, outdoor gardening, decoration, and maintenance services. Indoor gardening was concerned primarily with activity in Druid Hill greenhouses and conservatory and Cylburn greenhouses. At Cylburn greenhouses, 150,000 plants for flower beds, 1,000 pots of tulips, 3,000 pots of cineraria, calceolaria, petunia and other plants were grown for displaying. At the Druid Hill conservatory, the spring flower display was presented to 5,000 visitors between March 25 and April 22. An estimated 35 school groups toured the conservatory during this period.

Outdoor gardening activities covered routine maintenance of flower beds, shrub planting and the following original installations: At City Hall Plaza 7500 English ivy plants were planted and at St. Paul Place Parkway 4500 Baltic ivy plants were placed in the renovation program for these public squares. At the Church Street entrance to Bay-Brook Park 20 spreading Japanese Yew trees were planted in the entrance median. At the plots surrounding the Gloria Victis monument opposite the Lyric Theatre entrance, 20 spreading Japanese Yew and 25 roundleaf Japanese holly were planted. At the Mount Clare Mansion in Carroll Park 20 English boxwood and 1500 English ivy plants were used to revitalize the shrubbery beds.

The plant materials received at the conclusion of the Garden Clubs of America convention were utilized at Clifton Park Mothers Garden, Mount Clare Mansion, entrance to Zoo, Cylburn Park, the Administration Building, and at Memorial Stadium.

The Divisions executed the landscape plans prepared by the Engineering Division for Clifton Mansion, Robertson Playground, and the Pine Ridge Golf Clubhouse during the spring of 1966.

In the shrubbery planting at the Children's Zoo, 88 plants were replaced and all beds mulched with wood chips. At North Charles Street and 29th Street, 37 shrubs were replaced and all beds mulched with wood chips. Work on the shrubbery at the Hilton Parkway, Edmondson Avenue interchange continued during the spring of 1966.

At Cylburn Park, the Wild Flower Preserve and Garden Center, 205 primary school children and related groups were conducted on tour by the park naturalist, staff members and members of the Cylburn organization. A total of 6,500 children and teachers made these tours and 2,000 visitors were present at the Open House activities presented on alternate Sundays.

To facilitate the renovation of the center greenhouse at Druid Hill Park, a lath house was built on the east side of the Rose Garden and the plants from the greenhouse placed in this structure in advance of the demolition. It is anticipated that the new greenhouse will be available by early fall and a new arrangement of plant materials will be presented in this house.

## 10. PATTERSON DIVISION

MR. FRANCIS T. BUTLER, *District Superintendent of Parks*

The renovation of City Hall Plaza was begun during the spring of 1966. The Bureau of Highways reset the granite curbing on the north and south sides of the Plaza and laid a brick accommodation walk adjoining the curb and a concrete platform for bus passengers on the south side of the Plaza. This work was performed on an inter-departmental work order. The area beneath the linden trees

was planted with ivy and surrounded by a pipe and chain fence. It is anticipated that the establishing and protecting of the ground covering plants will greatly enhance the appearance of the Plaza.

A portion of the parkway in the 300 and 400 blocks of St. Paul Place was planted with ground covering plants and protected by a pipe and chain fence. The remainder of the parkway will be planted with ground covering plants when the Telephone Company has completed the installation of duct lines beneath the area.

In Johnson Square, the slopes were graded, mulched, and planted with crown vetch plants in an effort to eliminate erosion and improve the appearance. The planting bed that was prepared in response to a request from the neighborhood association was vandalized. The Division used 50 cubic yards of topsoil, 1 ton of straw, and 100 gallons of asphalt as a binder. The Horticulture Division planted 1,500 units of crown vetch on the slope.

The planting beds at the south end of Preston Gardens were renovated by regrading, the addition of 50 cubic yards of topsoil, and 700 square yards of Merion blue grass sod. A greatly improved appearance of the area resulted from this effort. Brush was cleared at Moore's Run Park and this clearing will be continued during the winter of 1966-67.

Patterson Park was again the site of bicycle races sponsored by the Baltimore City Commission on Physical Fitness, the annual fishing fair sponsored by the Junior Association of Commerce, and the state-wide Marble Tournament sponsored by the Bureau of Recreation. During the first six months of 1966, the observation tower in Patterson Park was visited by 34,895 persons.

In mid-May, Mt. Vernon Squares were the site of the Annual Flower Mart sponsored by the Women's Civic League, and were refurbished in advance of this event. Eight flowering cherry trees were presented to the Bureau of Parks by a donor and planted in the south square of Mt. Vernon Place.

## 11. MEMORIAL STADIUM

MR. WILLIAM R. SCHMIDT, JR., *Stadium Manager*

The first six months of 1966 proved especially important and productive. One of the chief reasons for this, from the point of view of increasing the efficiency of the Stadium, was the beginning of the program of replacing the field lights. The original units consisted of a 1500 watt bulb placed within a glass enclosed aluminum reflector. In spite of the fact that these units were cleaned and polished each year, this type of fixture rapidly decreases in efficiency as the intense heat of the bulb draws dust and dirt into the enclosure, causing a loss in effective light output. It was decided, therefore,

to utilize a built-in reflector type bulb of the kind used at the Dodger Stadium and a special fixture was designed which could be adapted to our light towers. With funds provided in the 1966 budget, 276 units were purchased at a cost of \$13,110.00 (\$47.50 per unit) and installed by the Stadium's electrical section on the W and E-2 towers. The resultant increase in light in the areas covered by these towers was quite dramatic and indicated that our lighting will be among the best when this project is completed. Another plus factor in this change is that the new bulbs carry a 1200 watt rating which results in a saving of some 300 to 600 watts per hour per unit.

In a joint program with the Baltimore Baseball Club, the Board of Recreation and Parks and the Club agreed to undertake a series of improvements designed to enhance the fans' enjoyment when visiting the park and to improve the facilities offered by the Stadium. Under this program, our Board installed air conditioning in the Visiting Club's Locker Room and the Orioles in turn paid for improvements to our P.A. System, placed speakers at all concession stands so that the fans could continue to follow the game when making purchases; and provided several new promenade eating areas as a further step toward improving the concession service to the fans.

During the previous year, it had been decided to paint the various priced seats different colors and the painting of the box seats was completed at that time. During 1966, this program was continued and only a second coat on the upper reserve and the painting of the general admission section remained to complete the painting of all chair back seats. The completion of these and the painting of the bench-type seats will be undertaken as the schedule permits. Other painting projects in process are the painting of handrails, pipes and conduits with coded colors being used when applicable, and the painting of the folding chairs.

Although the first half of the year does not feature as many Stadium events as during the second half, receipts have been very encouraging; and with the increased interest in the Orioles, the doubling of the revenue from the scoreboard advertising and the prospects of the usual receipts from the Colts, the calendar year 1966 promises to produce the greatest income yet developed at the Stadium. As will be noted in the following, there are two special events worthy of note. The first is the Danny Thomas show which was held on June 15, 1966. The show was held for the benefit of the St. Jude Children's Hospital; and in addition to Danny Thomas, featured several other popular performers. The second item is the Watchtower Convention which will be held from August 17th to the 21st. The money shown is a deposit against the total rental.

Details of Stadium Revenue, including Ice Rink Receipts, for the first six months of 1966 follows:

<i>Type of Event</i>	<i>No. of Uses</i>	<i>Gross Attendance</i>	<i>Rental Revenue</i>	<i>Concession Revenue</i>
Easter Sunrise Service	1	6,000	—	—
Professional Baseball	29	516,007	\$55,692.58	\$40,401.85
St. Mary's Drum Corps	1	973	750.00	77.87
Danny Thomas Show	1	4,502	1,500.00	311.90
Watchtower Society	—	—	2,000.00	—
<b>TOTALS</b>	<b>32</b>	<b>527,482</b>	<b>\$59,942.58</b>	<b>\$40,791.62</b>
Total Rental Revenue .....				\$59,942.58
Total Concession Revenue .....				40,791.62
Sale of Utilities .....				6,652.49
Parking Revenue:				
Stadium .....			\$5,549.00	
Venable .....			4,905.14	
Parking Lot License:				
Stadium .....			9,956.00	
Venable .....			5,476.86	
Rental of Office Space.....			750.00	
Advertising:				
Clock .....			2,025.00	
Scoreboard .....			40,000.00	
Telephone Commissions .....			364.36	
Ice Rink Revenue:				
(1/1/66 to 3/13/66)				
Admissions (23,613) .....			12,139.50	
Concessions .....			1,800.10	
Repayment — 1% Concessions				
Improvements .....			4,493.41	
Repayment — 6% Field Seats				
Improvements .....			9,473.52	
<b>TOTAL STADIUM REVENUE</b>				
<b>INCLUDING ICE RINK RECEIPTS.....</b>			<b>\$204,319.58</b>	

Operating and management costs at the Stadium for the six months period were \$201,406.42 as compared to \$190,379.98 revenue. Since preparations for the opening of the Stadium are extremely costly in the Spring, the fact that costs exceed revenue by \$11,026.44 is not a true picture of the Stadium operation. Reference should be made to the Department of Recreation and Parks 1965 Annual Report, pages 34-37, which contains cost and revenue comparisons on a full year basis, 1954 through 1965. Our future reports will show Stadium activity again on a full year basis, but a fiscal year July 1-June 30, rather than a calendar year.

Stadium Ice Rink revenue for the six months period totaled \$13,939.60 as compared to costs of \$14,710.09. The same comments with respect to a one-half year operation are also applicable in the case of the Ice Rink where revenue receipts are much higher prior to January 1st annually.

## 12. BALTIMORE ZOO

MR. ARTHUR R. WATSON, *Director*

The 90th anniversary of the chartering of the Baltimore Zoo by the Maryland Legislature occurred on April 7. It is the contention of local supporters that this chartering in 1876 was preceded only by the opening of the Philadelphia Zoo in 1874, and this marks the Baltimore Zoo as the second oldest Zoo in the United States.

In February, a mate for the gorilla, Betsy, was obtained through the efforts of Friends of the Zoo, who spear-headed the collecting of trading stamps for this project. A male gorilla, later to be named Hercules, was selected from Franz Van Den Brink in Holland. Pan American Airways transported the gorilla to the United States without charge, and the Bendix Corporation permitted the use of an executive plane to complete the trip to Baltimore when inclement weather delayed the planned flight.

In February, John Moore was appointed Head Keeper of Birds.

On June 30, the inventory of animals showed the following count: in the Mammal Department 401 specimens, an increase of 12; Bird Department 580 specimens, an increase of 160; Reptile Department 173 specimens, a decrease of 7.

A hospital cage and a transfer cage specified in the original design of the Mammal House were constructed. The construction of the Giraffe House continued with opening scheduled for the fall of 1966.

The Bird Department initiated a waterfowl banding program in April to obtain information on the population at the waterfowl lake. A total of 123 specimens were trapped and banded to June 30. An estimate of 50 Carolina Wood ducks were among those banded; these wood ducks have chosen to remain at the Zoo rather than migrate. A breeding program was initiated at the Bird House by providing nest boxes for finches, love birds, parrots and touracos. The white checked touracos have displayed particular interest in mating.

The ostrich breeding project was continued in 1966 with a hatch of 7 eggs. With the cooperation of Dr. D. F. Ford, Veterinary Section, Edgewood Arsenal, Maryland, a nutritional study has been started with the view of raising the ostrich chicks hatched in this project.

The bird collection has been increased with the indefinite loan of 3 Kagu. These rare birds are the property of John Moore, Head Keeper of Birds, and their exhibition at the Baltimore Zoo is the only showing in the western hemisphere. This distinction is shared with



only one other Zoo in the world. If successful, the Kagu breeding program will be a giant avicultural stride forward in the saving of this vanishing species from extinction.

The reptile collection of Australian specimens was strengthened with the addition of 3 pythons, an amethystine, a carpet and a diamond python. A Le Seur's water lizard, mourning skink and an Australian snake-necked turtle completed the additions to this collection. An acknowledged rarity was also added with the accession of a male Central American river turtle.

The reptile breeding project produced a total of 111 eggs; successful hatching of 70% is anticipated. The albino corn snake breeding moved forward with the production of fertile eggs from the mating of a pure albino male with two "half-albino" female corn snakes.

At the Children's Zoo, a moon rocket slide was added to the attractions and all the exhibits were repainted and redecorated. Additional shade trees and shrubbery were planted, the fence surrounding the Zoo-Choo train track reduced in height to improve the appearance, and 3 new animal pens added. The Zoo staff built 8 animal shelters and the rabbit pen was resurfaced with flagstone and refenced with vinyl-coated chain link. The Children's Zoo opened for the season April 7.

On April 28, through the courtesy of the Maryland Guernsey Breeders Association, Mt. Ararat's Beverly, a Guernsey cow, was placed on exhibit at the Dairy Barn. A second Guernsey cow, Nancy Darling, was added by purchase to the exhibit on May 8. These beautiful, healthy cows produce 8 gallons of milk per day and are the center of attention at the public milking each day. It is planned to expand the dairy cow exhibit by breeding Nancy Darling.

The popularity of the Children's Zoo is reflected by the increased use of special tickets from 26,492 in 1965 to approximately 37,000 for a similar period in 1966.

The educational section provided 125 signs of various types and 428 photographs during the first six months of 1966.

The conversion of the filtration room at swimming pool #2 to a Zoo Commissary and Zoo Carpentry Shop was begun with the purchase and installation of a 3 compartment refrigeration system.

### **13. SUMMARY OF REVENUE SUPPORTED FACILITIES**

The revenue derived from the operation of Memorial Stadium and the Ice Skating Rink are summarized in the Stadium portion of this report.

#### **GOLF COURSES**

On the 5 municipal golf courses 118,212 rounds of golf were played. This is a decrease of 1,798 rounds over a similar period in 1965. This loss is attributed to the heavy snowfall throughout the winter months of January and February. The following table does not detail operating costs as expenditures during the first six months

of the calendar year are disproportionately high because of normal spring renovations to greens and fairways. For a comparison of yearly costs and revenue, reference is made to this section in the 1965 Annual Report.

<i>Course</i>	<i>Rounds Played</i>	<i>Revenue</i>
Carroll Park* .....	14,969	\$ 11,247.75
Clifton Park .....	25,528	37,891.25
Forest Park .....	25,913	38,286.00
Mt. Pleasant .....	26,346	44,618.75
Pine Ridge .....	25,456	55,795.00
TOTALS .....	118,212	\$187,838.75

\* A Nine Hole Course

### FORT SMALLWOOD

The parking charge for cars was increased to \$1.00 by action of the Board of Recreation and Parks, effective April 2, 1966. The parking charge for buses remained at \$3.00. The beach facilities were operated by a concessionaire, beginning on May 29, 1966. Revenue received from parking charges in the amount of \$7,919.00 was an increase of \$1,772.00 over a similar period in 1965.

### SWIMMING POOLS

The swimming pools opened on June 18, 1966 and operated for 13 days in the period of this report. As in the case of golf courses, operating cost figures are omitted as the cost of preparing the pools for the entire season are incurred at the beginning of the period.

<i>Pool</i>	<i>Days Open</i>	<i>Patrons</i>	<i>Revenue</i>
Cherry Hill .....	13	4,227	\$ 893.80
Clifton .....	13	13,011	2,995.00
Druid Hill .....	13	15,200	3,347.75
Patterson .....	13	12,643	2,889.65
Riverside .....	13	7,915	1,567.70
Roosevelt .....	13	6,842	1,310.85
TOTALS .....	78	59,838	\$13,004.75

Costs could not be properly compared because of the few days of pool operation.

### 14. SUMMARY OF RECREATION FACILITIES

For this information, please refer to pages 41-46 of the 1965 Annual Report.

**CITY OF BALTIMORE**  
**BUREAU OF ACCOUNTING OPERATIONS**  
**BUREAU OF PARKS**

Summary Cost Statement of Operating Expense for the Period  
 January 1 to June 30, 1966

**1 — GENERAL EXPENSES**

11	Administrative Expenses — Executive Division .....		\$49,283.79
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**2 — OPERATING EXPENSES**

21	Operating Management Expenses.....	\$336,298.34	
22	Squares, Blvd. Parking and Special Lot Expenses .....	57,525.85	
23	Playground Expenses .....	26,702.99	
24	Small Parks Expenses .....	77,360.11	
25	Large Parks Expenses.....	432,500.30	
25-A	Stadium Expenses .....	113,426.11	
25-F	Ice Rink Expenses .....	14,484.97	
26	Golf Expenses .....	182,238.13	
27	Pools Expenses .....	23,194.55	
28	Zoological Expenses .....	171,567.21	
29-B	Forestry Nursery Expenses .....	20,120.74	
29-C	Forestry Expense — Public Highways	188,653.50	
29-E	Blvd. Parking — Public Highways.....	41,247.18	
			1,685,319.98

**3 — MAINTENANCE EXPENSES**

31	General Repairs .....	\$38,429.51	
32	Squares, Blvd. Parking and Special Lot Repairs .....	16,456.56	
33	Playground Repairs .....	13,067.15	
34	Small Parks Repairs .....	23,608.95	
35	Large Parks Repairs .....	169,556.94	
35-A	Stadium Repairs .....	49,062.85	
35-F	Ice Rink Repairs .....	225.12	
36	Golf Repairs .....	33,173.93	
37	Pools Repairs .....	14,898.76	
38	Zoological Repairs .....	31,220.15	
39	Vandalism .....	7,765.77	
			397,465.69

**4 — MISCELLANEOUS REVENUE AND EXPENSES**

46-A	Gratuitous Work .....	\$5,642.15	
46-B	Special Services Rendered Other Bureaus .....	874.49	
46-C	Gas & Oil for Police Dept. Scooters...	147.07	
47	Sundry Revenues and Expenses.....	3,750.71	
			10,414.42

## 5 — FUNDED DEBT

54	Interest Expense .....		\$66,018.33
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## 6 — FIXED ASSETS AND FUNDS

60-A	Construction Work — Levy Appropriations .....	\$51,822.38	
61	General Properties .....	1,157.55	
65	Large Park Properties .....	2,075.66	
68	Zoological Properties .....	5,289.02	
69	Miscellaneous Properties .....	13,441.70	73,786.31
	<b>TOTAL EXPENSES — BUREAU OF PARKS FUNDS .....</b>		<b>\$2,282,288.52</b>
42-4	Accessory Enterprises (Billwork).....		4,377.32
60-C	Construction Work — Parks Capital Improvements .....		48,983.38
60-F	Construction Work — 4th Parks Serial.....		116,913.16
60-H	Construction Work — Recreation & Parks Bldg. Serial.....		8,300.10
60-J	Construction Work — Third Parks Serial.....		135,069.92
60-L	Jones Falls Valley Park Serial.....		2,205.89
60-M	Construction Work—Recreation & Parks Bldg. Serial (Third).....		57,699.87
60-N	Carroll-Caton Mansion .....		100,000.00
	<b>GRAND TOTAL.....</b>		<b>\$2,755,838.16</b>

**CITY OF BALTIMORE**  
**BUREAU OF ACCOUNTING OPERATIONS**  
**BUREAU OF PARKS**

Statement of Revenue for the Period January 1 to June 30, 1966

**Playground and Playfields**

Carroll — Lockers, Soap and Towels.....	\$ 126.60	
Patterson — Lockers, Soap and Towels.....	370.10	\$ 496.70

**Golf**

Carroll

Greens Fees .....	\$11,193.00	
Lockers, Soap and Towels.....	84.40	11,277.40

Clifton

Greens Fees .....	\$36,828.50	
Lockers, Soap and Towels.....	1,077.25	37,905.75

Pine Ridge

Greens Fees .....	\$55,620.50	
Lockers, Soap and Towels.....	495.80	
Power Golf Carts .....	1,192.00	57,308.30

Forest Park

Greens Fees .....	\$35,382.00	
Lockers, Soap and Towels.....	486.05	
Power Golf Carts .....	271.60	36,139.65

Mt. Pleasant

Greens Fees .....	\$44,070.25	
Lockers, Soap and Towels.....	230.15	
Power Golf Carts .....	592.70	44,893.10
		187,524.20

**Swimming and Wading Pools**

Clifton .....	\$ 2,278.95	
Druid Hill #1.....	2,882.30	
Patterson .....	2,629.00	
Riverside .....	1,433.80	
Roosevelt .....	1,038.15	
Cherry Hill .....	700.55	10,962.75

**Ice Rink**

Admissions .....	\$15,635.75	
Concessions .....	3,557.76	
Miscellaneous .....	300.50	19,494.01

## Concessions

Selling Concession Contract (Other than Fort Smallwood and Stadium) .....	\$24,402.29	
Miniature Railway at Zoo (Safari) .....	2,973.15	
Children's Zoo		
Admissions .....	\$18,336.69	
Miniature Railway .....	3,884.38	
Carousel .....	1,752.95	23,974.02
Concessions — Fort Smallwood		
Parking .....	8,166.75	\$ 59,516.21

## Stadium

Baseball Rentals (Balto. Orioles) .....	\$40,380.91	
Baseball Rentals (Others) .....	507.50	
Baseball Concessions (Others) .....	—	
Football Rentals (Colts) .....	2,000.00	
Football Rentals (High School & Others).....	—	
Baseball Concessions (Balto. Orioles) .....	6,831.98	
Football Concessions (Colts) .....	10,762.09	
Football Concessions (Others) .....	1,483.72	
Other Rentals (Stadium Events) .....	4,250.00	
Other Concessions .....	—	
Telephone Commissions .....	364.36	
Advertising Commission .....	42,025.00	
Sale of Electricity .....	6,847.05	
Parking Concessions .....	2,206.45	
Parking Concessions (Venable) .....	1,137.60	
Office Rental (Balto. Baseball Club).....	—	
Office Rental (Colts) .....	750.00	
Miscellaneous .....	905.25	120,451.91

## Miscellaneous

Rental Real Property .....	2,236.00	
Sales of Electricity (Other than Stadium).....	1,030.33	
Commissions on Telephone (Other than Stadium) .....	184.36	
Colonial Dames .....	250.00	
Herring Run Repeater Station (A.T.&T.).....	200.00	
Sundry Revenue .....	91.32	3,992.01

Baltimore Transit Bus Tax..... 327,986.10

Busses — Other than Baltimore Transit..... 1,190.10

**TOTAL REVENUE..... \$731,613.99**

## B. BUREAU OF RECREATION

JOHN G. WILLIAMS, *Superintendent*

Approximately three and one-half million citizens enjoyed Baltimore's 57 recreation centers and 82 playgrounds, as well as the many special programs offered during the six months period. To carry out this program, the Bureau of Recreation staff consisted of 286 full-time employees, assisted by many part-time leaders and volunteers from the community.

It is the goal of the Bureau of Recreation to provide wholesome leisure-time opportunities for all persons of all ages, and it is only

through a public tax-supported recreation program that every citizen is offered an opportunity to participate in wholesome recreation programs and thus find real meaning to life. Recreation programs included a wide variety of wholesome activities geared to serving the needs and interest of the community. It is hoped that through the Bureau's efforts, those participating in these programs return to their daily lives happier, better adjusted, more stable, and in general, better citizens.

### **ADMINISTRATIVE DIVISION**

After 43 years of dedicated service, Harold S. Callowhill retired as Superintendent of Recreation on January 17, 1966. During this period Mr. Callowhill saw the Bureau of Recreation grow from the Playground Athletic League to the Department of Public Recreation, and finally to the Bureau of Recreation under the Department of Recreation and Parks. Many programs and innovations that are now a firm fixture of the Bureau were initiated and created by Mr. Callowhill. John G. Williams assumed the Superintendentship from Mr. Callowhill on January 17, 1966.

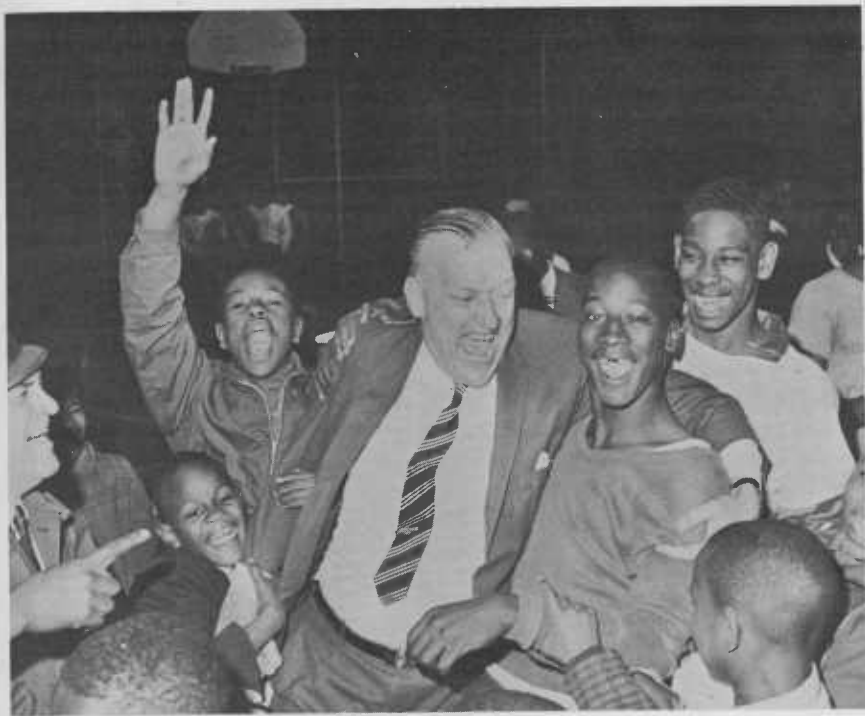
Volunteers and City officials broke ground for the Hilton Recreation Center on April 11; Latrobe Park Recreation Center on April 18; Easterwood Park Recreation Center on April 21; and dedications of the John Booth Recreation Center were held on February 25, Janney Kresson Playground on May 17, and the Robertson Playground on May 21. Improvements were made to Greenmount Recreation Center by adding outdoor lighting for the basketball court and renovation of a gym at Recreation Pier. A small playground was constructed on Brunt Street for the neighborhood children.

### **CHILDREN'S ACTIVITIES**

Annual special events were again held for children and included special programs on Valentine's Day, Lincoln's and Washington's birthdays. Thousands of children participated in the Easter Monday activities sponsored by the Bureau of Recreation. On April 15 certificates were presented to 1,846 youngsters who participated in the Top Spinning Contest, this being one of the oldest activities known to mankind in which children participated in ancient Roman and Grecian times. Kite Flying contests again proved popular with over 2,000 youngsters building their own kites of all descriptions and colors. Special Kite Flying Days were held when awards were presented to those individuals with the most decorative kites, highest flying kites.

During the week of April 25 the Bureau of Recreation, in connection with the Veterans of Foreign Wars, conducted its annual Bicycle Safety Week. The Veterans of Foreign Wars provided reflectorized tape for over 4,000 bicycles, and safety inspection programs were conducted at many playgrounds, and films shown stressing the importance of bicycle safety.

Stuart Wood, representing O'Donnell Heights Recreation Center, became Maryland's marble champion for the third straight year and



*Mayor McKeldin — Greenmount Recreation Center. Taken after the Mayor turned on the switch for the new outdoor lights.*

*Photo by the Baltimore Sunpapers*

went on to place 7th at the National Marble Tournament held in Wildwood, N. J. Stuart received the Good Sportsmanship Trophy at this tournament. Over 1,800 youngsters took part in marble tournaments throughout the City.

Starting June 20 each recreation center held Red Letter Days which again proved most popular. There were Turtle Derbies, Doll Shows, Freckle Contests, Boat Regattas and many other special activities.

Mayor Theodore R. McKeldin proclaimed the week of June 20 as Recreation and Parks Week and special programs were held throughout the City recognizing this important week.

### **BOYS' AND MEN'S ACTIVITIES — GIRLS' AND WOMEN'S ACTIVITIES**

During the first half of 1966, weightlifting, basketball, table tennis, track and field, softball, and physical fitness highlighted boys' and men's programs. For the first time, the Bureau of Recreation initiated weightlifting programs in 20 neighborhood recreation centers. Local contests were held and a city-wide Olympic and Power Lift Meet was held. An annual Novice and Champion Weightlifting



Meet was held on Sunday, February 6 and February 27 at Harlem Park and Gardenville Recreation Centers, respectively. Many of the winners from the Bureau of Recreation competed in the South Atlantic Amateur Athletic Union Weightlifting Meets held during the months of February, March and June.

During March, table tennis tournaments were held in all districts for teenage boys; 1,092 from 53 recreation centers participated and a city-wide tournament was held at Harlem Park Recreation Center on March 29.

Basketball and softball again highlighted the Bureau's sports athletic program. With few exceptions, all of the recreation centers participated in these two popular sports on local as well as district-wide levels.

On Saturday, May 7, the 9 Bureau of Recreation centers participated in Baltimore's Physical Fitness Exhibition at the War Memorial Plaza. Activity groups entered from the Bureau were baton twirling, tumbling, rope jumping, weightlifting, modern dance and cadet drill team. The program was sponsored by the Baltimore City Commission on Physical Fitness.

A series of Basketball Clinics, sponsored by the Baltimore Bullets, began on June 21 at 20 Bureau of Recreation centers throughout the City. These clinics are scheduled twice a day, every Tuesday and Wednesday, throughout the 9-week summer season. Clinic programs include instruction in basketball fundamentals, shooting and dribbling competition, and opportunities for "questioning the experts."

On June 24 the Bureau conducted its 51st Annual Junior Municipal Games Track and Field Meet at Clifton Park. A gross participation of 1,107 boys and girls between the ages of 9 and 17 took part in the Bureau's largest annual track and field event. Records were broken in the Boys' 15 & under, Running Long Jump, the 440 Yard Relay, the Girls' 11 & under, 50 Yard Dash, and the 17 & under 100 Yard Dash. Catastrophe struck at the start of the afternoon's meet as the table on which the trophies were placed collapsed, and 107 trophies came tumbling to the ground.

Varied programs for women and girls were planned by the Bureau of Recreation this year. Included in this program were classes in physical fitness, dancing, baton twirling and rope jumping. The annual Girls' Demonstration was held on Saturday, April 21, at Eastern High School with approximately 500 girls from 37 recreation centers participating while over 1,000 spectators looked on. Twenty-eight recreation centers gave special instruction in tap and ballet and over 35 dance recitals were held during the first two weeks of May.

## **DIVISION OF AMATEUR SPORTS**

The first six months of 1966 has been most successful for the Division of Amateur Sports.

An innovation was made in the awarding of the basketball trophies for the past season. For the first time, athletes and managers were given a buffet luncheon. The event was very successful

with outstanding celebrities attending to present the awards to the City Champions and League Winners. The affair was held at Herring Run Junior High School and undoubtedly will be repeated in the future.

Baseball and softball programs were organized with the usual number of teams showing interest and being placed in the leagues.

The usual track and field events were also conducted as well as the Maryland State Junior Tennis Tournament. Over 200 boys and girls played in the State-wide tennis championships.

Dates are being arranged for the baseball and softball city-wide and State tournaments to be held in the latter part of the summer months and from all indications, the last six months of 1966 will be as successful as the first half of the year.

## **ARTS AND CRAFTS**

Arts and crafts classes again proved most popular to those who desired a creative outlet. Classes were held in cloth weaving, pottery and ceramics, oil painting, enameling and many other special areas. Classes were offered for children and adults, as well as senior citizens. Although the arts and crafts field is one of the more specialized areas of recreation, enthusiasm and interest has always run high.

## **NATURE AND GARDENING**

The Bureau of Recreation again sponsored the "Keep Maryland Beautiful" contest in January, and children throughout the City entered posters from 27 recreation centers. First and second place winners received awards on June 17 culminating this activity.

Most centers throughout the City again planted flower and vegetable gardens to give those who never have seen flowers and vegetables grow a first-hand experience in the field of nature.

The Traveling Nature Exhibit again made its rounds of the City, taking along turtles, chicks, a crow and an alligator to the various recreation centers. At each recreation center, a Nature Center of some description is encouraged so that those living in inner city areas can be brought more in contact with nature and better understand the world we live in.

The Spring Gardening Workshop for adults was again held at Cylburn; this activity has been popular throughout the years.

## **SENIOR CITIZENS**

With the opening of the John Booth Center for Senior Citizens and clubs at Madison Square and Chick Webb, we now have 34 clubs with a membership over 2,000. In addition to the regular activities of parties, trips, bazaars, lectures, art classes, dancing, bowling, sewing, there has been a great deal of emphasis on community service activities. Our members have devoted a great deal of time for the Maryland Tuberculosis Association, Mental Health Association, hospital work, etc. In addition, our Cahill group sang for the patients in the Belvedere Nursing Home, the Gardenville group entertained at the Springfield State Hospital, and the O'Donnell Heights groups

visited patients at the City Hospital and also acted as hosts for them in their own center.

Mr. Samuel Finkle, a member of the Patterson Park Golden Age Painting Group, won a \$50 prize, the second prize in the Baltimore Outdoor Art Festival. He won out over more than 400 other artists, both amateur and professional.



*Mr. Samuel Finkle, Patterson Park Golden Age Club, 2nd Prize Winner, \$50 Award, Painting Class — Baltimore Outdoor Art Festival.*

*Photo by the Baltimore Sunpapers*

Our council, made up of all the clubs' Presidents and Vice-Presidents, met regularly every three months. At the suggestion of the council, a boatripe for club members was arranged. The "Port

Welcome" was given to us free of charge for a day's outing to Annapolis, and almost 500 members were included in this outing.

Plans are being formulated for a workshop in the Fall for both staff and club officers. An English class has been set up and will begin at John Booth early in July. We hope with the help of the Department of Education to have other educational programs.

## **MUSIC AND DRAMATICS**

Music specialists worked with children and teenagers at 46 centers. Beginning with Summer program, June 20, specialists were assigned to 56 centers and playgrounds. The Second Annual Children's Music Festival was held at Madison Square Recreation Center with 9 East Baltimore centers participating. The program consisted of singing groups, instrumental and rhythm bands. Talent shows and spring music and dramatic programs were held at most centers.

The Bureau of Recreation is helping form a "Sing Out Baltimore" group inspired by the appearance of the Moral Rearmament nationally famed singing group that appeared at the Civic Center in May.

An in-service training class was held for leaders in dramatics and story-telling this year and as a result, much interest has been created in these programs throughout the City.

Several Senior Citizens Clubs have discovered new interest in music programs as a result of the help given them by music specialists throughout the City, some of whom have become quite proficient and have been asked to entertain at various functions.

## **RECREATION FOR HANDICAPPED**

Recreation service to the handicapped is the Bureau of Recreation's newest program. It was felt that individuals having physical or mental handicaps have as many recreation needs as normal individuals, and with this philosophy in mind, programs were directed towards this end. In the short time that this program has been formed, already there are programs for the mentally and emotionally disturbed, handicapped veterans, physically handicapped children, deaf teenagers and blind adults. Individuals participating in these activities in many instances have found new meaning to life, and in general, this area of programming has been found to be most rewarding and worthwhile.

## **SPECIAL SERVICE FOR YOUTH**

The Bureau of Recreation initiated a Special Service for Youth Program several years ago. This experimental program attempts to approach the problem child through competent leadership in recreation situations for the Bureau believes that regular participation in a diversified recreation program under competent leadership can modify the child's attitude and behavior to a significant degree.

Each full-time leader is required to work with 2 elementary school children who seem to have difficulty in making an adjustment in school or in the community. With the approval of the Superin-

tendent of Public Schools, the names of such children are secured by the recreation leader through contact with the school representative of the school nearest his playground or recreation center.

At the present time 67 centers and playgrounds are involved in the Service to Youth Program. Sixty-nine Elementary and Junior High Schools refer children to the recreation centers for service.

At the present time there are 297 children between 7-15 years old involved in the Bureau's Special Service for Youth Program: 98% are males; 2% are females.

## **VOLUNTEER CORPS**

Interest by volunteers in serving recreation programs continues to grow. Each year the number of hours served by a volunteer increases, showing a true interest on the part of the citizenry to insure recreation programming to be the best possible. Without the help of the many volunteers, there is no question that we would be limited in the services offered. Volunteers relieve full-time professionals to plan new programs as well as inspire them to a bigger and better job.

## **SCHOOL USE FOR RECREATION**

The Bureau of Recreation over the past years has had splendid cooperation from the Department of Education for the use of schools for recreation purposes. This year, the Bureau of Recreation used 97 separate schools for various programs; this use entailed 180 separate permits.

One hundred twenty-six (126) separate private groups and organizations secured a total of 160 permits to use school facilities for recreational purposes.

Community groups using Bureau of Recreation facilities totalled 64 (78 separate permits) and included square dance clubs, hobby clubs, historical society, civic and improvement associations, Post Office employees, Fresh Air Society, Boy and Girl Scouts, Department of Education, Department of Health, Church groups, etc.

## **STREET CLUB WORKER SERVICE**

The Street Club Worker Service is a special unit of the Bureau of Recreation that is assigned to work with so-called 'hard to reach' youth groups who are not potential participants of the Bureau's or any other agency's programs. The service has a technical advisory committee composed of professional workers who are affiliated with community service agencies.

As of June 30, 60 groups in the City have been identified by the Bureau of Recreation Street Club Worker Service as needing service. Fifty-seven (57) of these, consisting of 779 youths, have been selected to receive immediate service. Each worker on the average is working with 2-4 groups of youth.

The Street Club program is in the process of developing a comprehensive report on the number of unserved groups. It will contain case examples to illustrate the information obtained from the Police Department, Community Action Agency, the courts and other agencies, such as size of group, structure, group purpose or motivation

for formation, number identified, behavior, location according to census tracts, and neighborhood descriptions. The final report of unserved groups should be available on or before September 30, 1966.

**CITY OF BALTIMORE**  
**BUREAU OF ACCOUNTING OPERATIONS**  
**BUREAU OF RECREATION**

Summary Cost Statement of Operating Expenses for the Period  
 January 1, 1966 to June 30, 1966

**1 — GENERAL EXPENSES**

11	Administrative Expenses .....	\$101,047.83	
13	Leadership Training School .....	5.23	\$ 101,053.06

**2 — OPERATING EXPENSES**

21	Field Supervision Expenses .....	\$101,116.08	
22	Playground Expenses .....	162,222.34	
23	Community Centers Expenses .....	626,013.31	
24	Indoor Centers Expenses.....	6,230.48	
25	Recreational Activities Expenses.....	62,059.60	
26	Municipal Sports Expenses .....	37,866.70	995,508.51

**3 — MAINTENANCE EXPENSES**

31	General Maintenance .....		34,250.66
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**6 — FIXED ASSETS AND FUNDS**

60-A	Levy Appropriation .....	\$ 166.47	
61	Administrative Properties .....	518.25	684.72

TOTAL EXPENSES — BUREAU OF  
 RECREATION FUNDS .....

\$1,131,496.95

42	Accessory Enterprises .....	\$ 65,350.19	
60-B	Recreation Loans Construction.....	38,330.05	
60-C	Recreation Loans Construction.....	4,603.64	
60-D	4th Recreation Loans Construction.....	57,352.03	
60-E	5th Recreation Loans Construction.....	179,502.72	
60-G	2nd Recreation Serial Loan Construction .....	12,183.34	
60-M	6th Recreation Loans Construction.....	48,347.04	
60-N	Morrell Park Recreation Center.....	558.00	406,227.01

TOTAL.....		\$1,537,723.96	
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**C. BUREAU OF MUSIC**

MR. J. IRVING GRAY, *Superintendent*

Inasmuch as the Bands of the Bureau of Music play a series of concerts during the summer months, this report will only encompass those activities from January 1, 1966, to June 30, 1966, in

accordance with the change-over from a calendar year to a fiscal year in budgets.

While all preparations are made for the season during the early part of the year, the actual concerts start in June and therefore only one month of the concert-playing season will be covered in this report.

Plans for the concert season are extensive and must be varied and detailed because of the many arrangements which must be made to suit the different locations where concerts are given. Concerts are played each night in the week except Saturdays but including Sundays and holidays, during June, July, and August as funds are available. The programs to be played are also planned



*Sunday Concert in Druid Hill Park*

very carefully since we endeavor to present a well balanced concert inasmuch as our audiences are composed of those of all ages and nationalities. They must, in addition, be flexible enough to be changed even during the concert, if necessary. Each Band is composed of 35 professional musicians and a conductor. The conductors are well experienced and competent not only in their judgment of what to play, but equally important, in how it should be played. Each one has a vast background of musical education, having played, taught, conducted, composed and arranged during their many years in musical circles. With each Band, for the additional

pleasure of our audiences, are versatile, experienced, professional vocal soloists selected not only for their tone and range, but also for their appearance, personality and ability to project themselves to audiences whatever their composition — youth, Golden-Agers, music lovers, and those who come just to enjoy an evening of outdoor music under the stars. One of the fine features of our programs is the "Sing Along." An accomplished person with experience, versatility, personality and spirit is engaged to lead and direct the audience in singing old familiar favorites accompanied by the Band. For this purpose, printed song sheets are distributed at each concert. The "Sing Along" has proven very popular with everyone and has become one of the highlights of each concert. Band music has always held a special place in the hearts of all people not only because of its predominance of brass but because it has the ability to stimulate and enthuse its listeners by its quick and peppy nature and the excellent compositions, marches, etc., available to it. With emphasis on selection and fine execution by the conductors and members of the Bands, they are able to bring out the best in any program selected.

All the foregoing, of course, benefits no one unless he knows when and where the concerts are to be held. Therefore, publicity becomes a very important part of our planning and thousands of



*Ready to participate in the popular "Sing Along"*

schedules are prepared for each Band, showing location and time. These are sent out prior to the opening of the Season to a prepared list of Industries, Organizations, Churches, Armed Forces, Nurses' Homes, Apartment Houses, etc., in and around the city. Publicity for the concerts is prepared in advance of the Season as well as each week during th Season, and sent to all Radio and Television stations, daily, weekly and special newspapers, along with the program for that week. Cooperation of shopping centers, churches and recreation centers, where a concert is held, is obtained for adver-





*Neighborhood Concerts take on an informal setting*

tisements in their publications as well as through their neighborhoods by leaflets, posters, bulletins and paid ads in the newspapers. Special publicity is prepared for the Festivals of Music at the stadium and sent to Radio, Television, and the various news media, augmented by announcements at the baseball games, posters and on the stadium scoreboard. Having no funds available for publicity, every source must be utilized to secure maximum coverage for these summer series of Concerts.

### **BALTIMORE SYMPHONY ORCHESTRA**

Each year the City of Baltimore, through the Budget of the Bureau of Music, gives support to the Baltimore Symphony Orchestra. This helps to make possible the Saturday Night Concerts and those given in the schools.

### **GENERAL COMMENTS**

We shall never be able to express adequately our appreciation to the various radio and television stations as well as to the newspapers, daily, weekly, and special, for their support of our efforts. This includes, as well, the music critics, special feature writers and all those behind the scenes who gave us such fine cooperation.

Our sincere appreciation is extended to his Honor Mayor Theodore R. McKeldin, the Board of Estimates, Members of the Board of Recreation and Parks, the Director of the Department of Recreation and Parks, the Superintendent of Parks and Highways Engineering Bureau of Highways, as well as the Director of Public Works for their consideration, cooperation, and support.

We also want to extend our appreciation to the Police Commissioner and members of his Department for their important part in making these Concerts a success.

We would be amiss were we not to acknowledge the work of our Conductors, Musicians, Songleaders, and Soloists, as well as those who work behind the scenes, for without their loyalty and cooperation in coordination with the others mentioned, our mission could not have been accomplished.

The financial report and schedules for the Bureau of Music for this period follows:

## 1966 SCHEDULE CONCERT BANDS

Six Months Ending June 30, 1966

WEEK-DAY CONCERTS  
8:00-10:00 P.M.

Park Concert Band  
GERALD EYTH, *Conductor*

### JUNE

Tuesday, June 14	Patterson Park
Wednesday, June 15	Dell-Charles and 31st Streets
Thursday, June 16	Mt. Vernon Place
Friday, June 17	Bocek Playground, Madison and Curley Streets
Monday, June 20	St. Matthew's Church Norman and Mayfield Avenues
Tuesday, June 21	Patterson Park
Wednesday, June 22	Dell-Charles and 31st Streets
Thursday, June 23	Mt. Vernon Place
Friday, June 24	Edmondson Village
Monday, June 27	Jewish Community Center 5700 Park Heights Avenue
Tuesday, June 28	Patterson Park
Wednesday, June 29	Dell-Charles and 31st Streets
Thursday, June 30	Mt. Vernon Place

### Sunday Concerts

Druid Hill Park  
3:00-5:00 P.M.

All Others  
7:00-9:00 P.M.

Baltimore Park Band  
CHARLES E. GWYNN, *Conductor*

Sunday, June 5	Druid Hill Park, Grove 10
Sunday, June 12	Lafayette Square
Sunday, June 19	Harlem Square
Sunday, June 26	P.S. #101, Biddle and Wolfe Streets

**CITY OF BALTIMORE**  
**BUREAU OF ACCOUNTING OPERATIONS**  
**BUREAU OF MUSIC**

Detail Cost Statement of Operating Expenses for the Period  
 January-June, 1966

**1 — GENERAL EXPENSES**

11	Administrative Expenses		
11-1	Pay and Expenses of Employees....	\$541.22	
11-2	Office Supplies and Expenses .....	410.32	
	SUB-TOTAL .....	\$951.54	
	TOTAL 1 — GENERAL EXPENSES..		\$ 951.54

**2 — OPERATING EXPENSES**

23	Park Concert Band Expenses		
23-1	Pay of Musicians and Technicians..	\$6,619.66	
24	Baltimore Municipal Band Expenses		
24-3	Musical Scores .....	\$83.25	
25	Baltimore Park Band Expenses		
25-1	Pay of Musicians and Technicians..	\$1,977.43	
29	Baltimore Symphony Orchestra.....	\$120,000.00	
	TOTAL 2 — OPERATING EXPENSES		128,680.34
	GRAND TOTAL .....		\$129,631.88



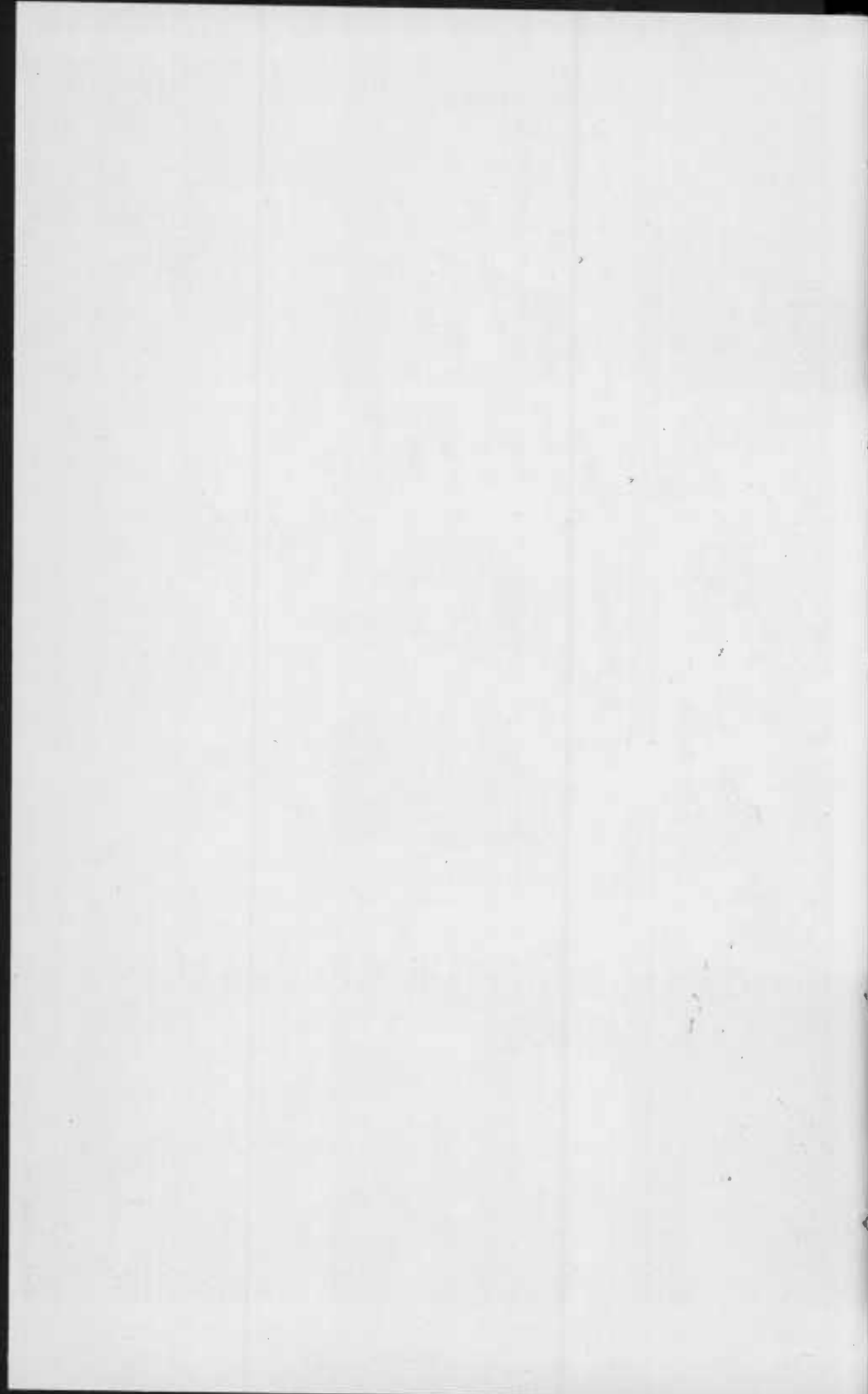
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**OF THE**

**DEPARTMENT OF RECREATION  
AND PARKS**

**CITY OF BALTIMORE, MARYLAND**

**July 1, 1966 to June 30, 1967**





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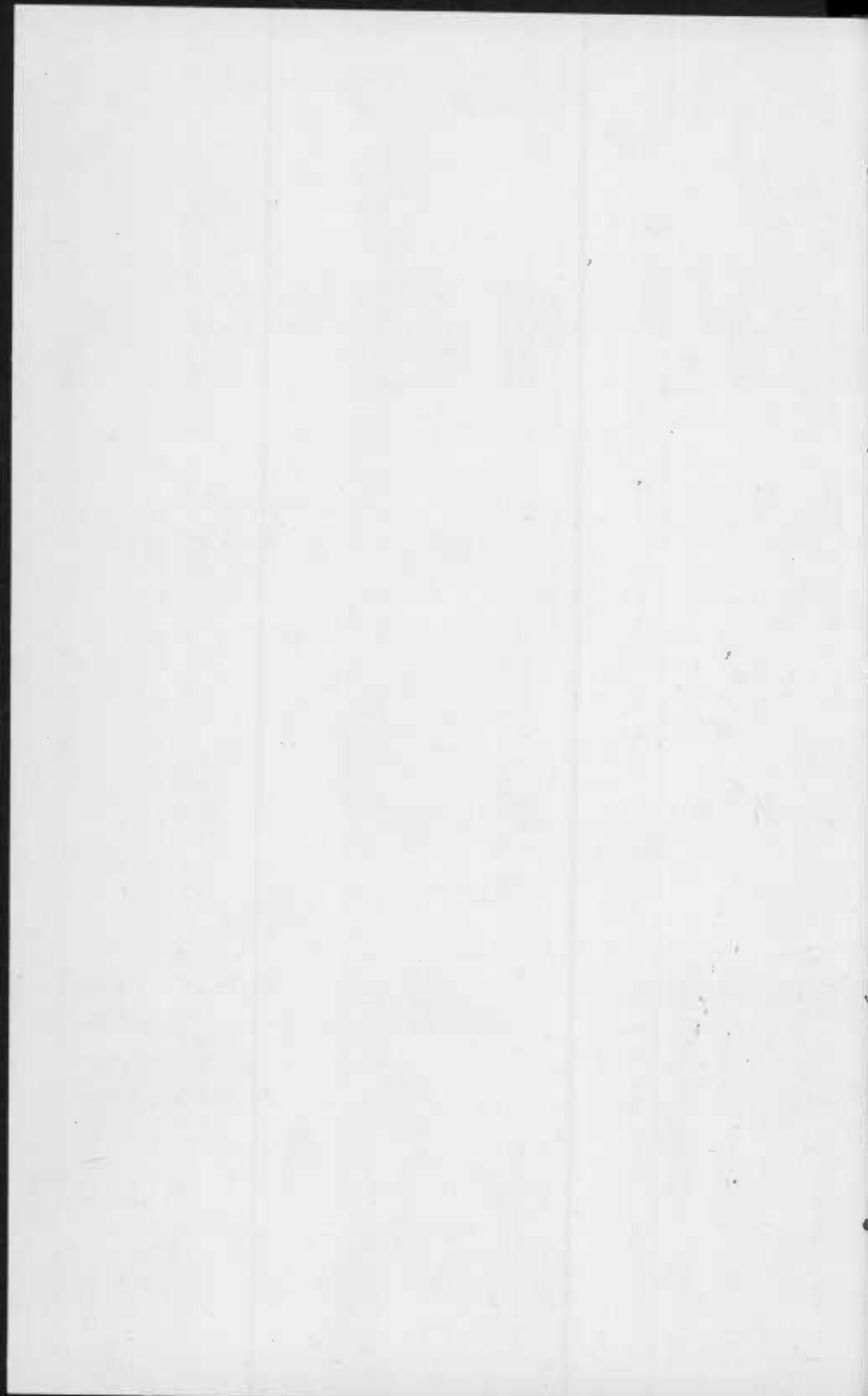
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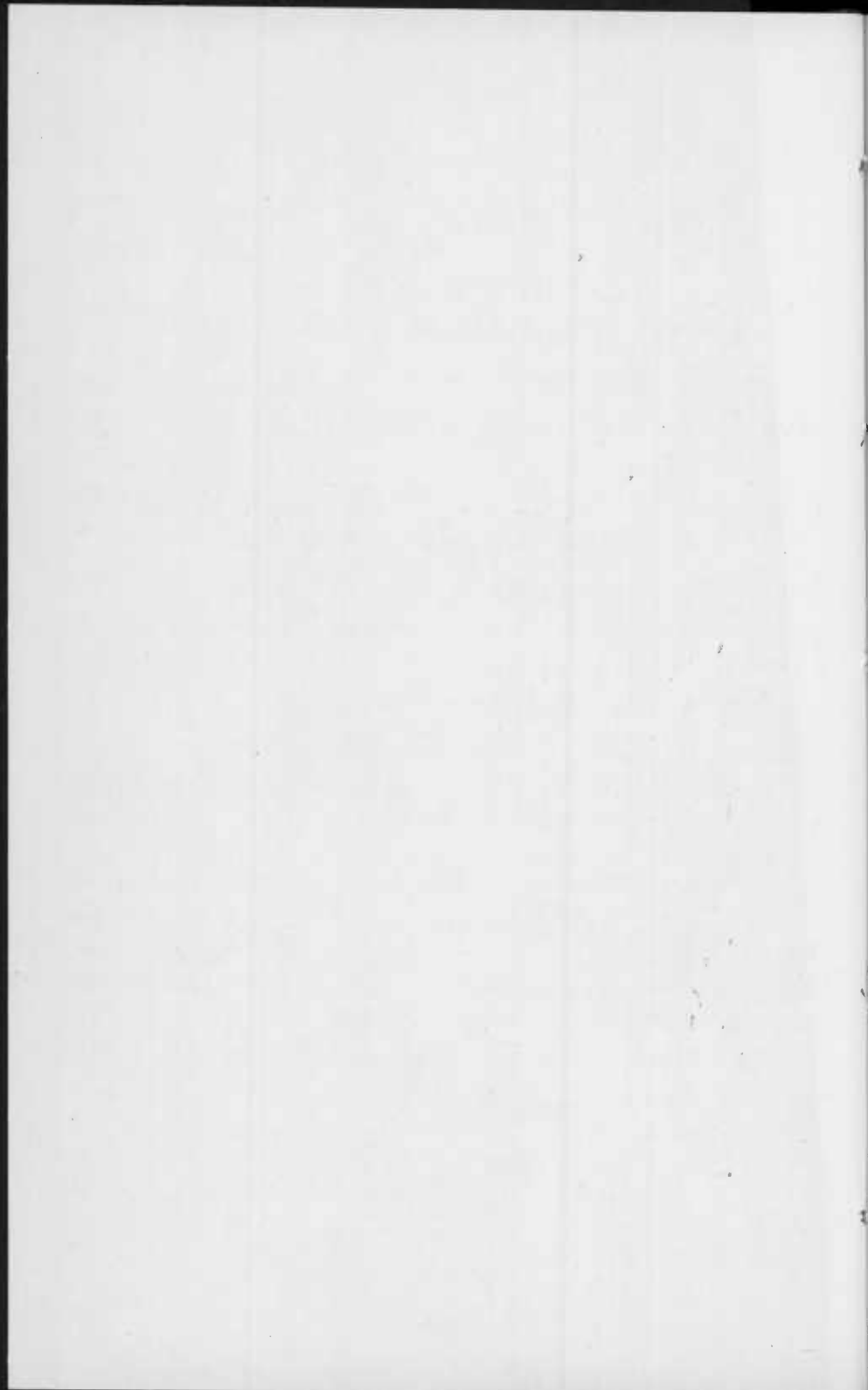
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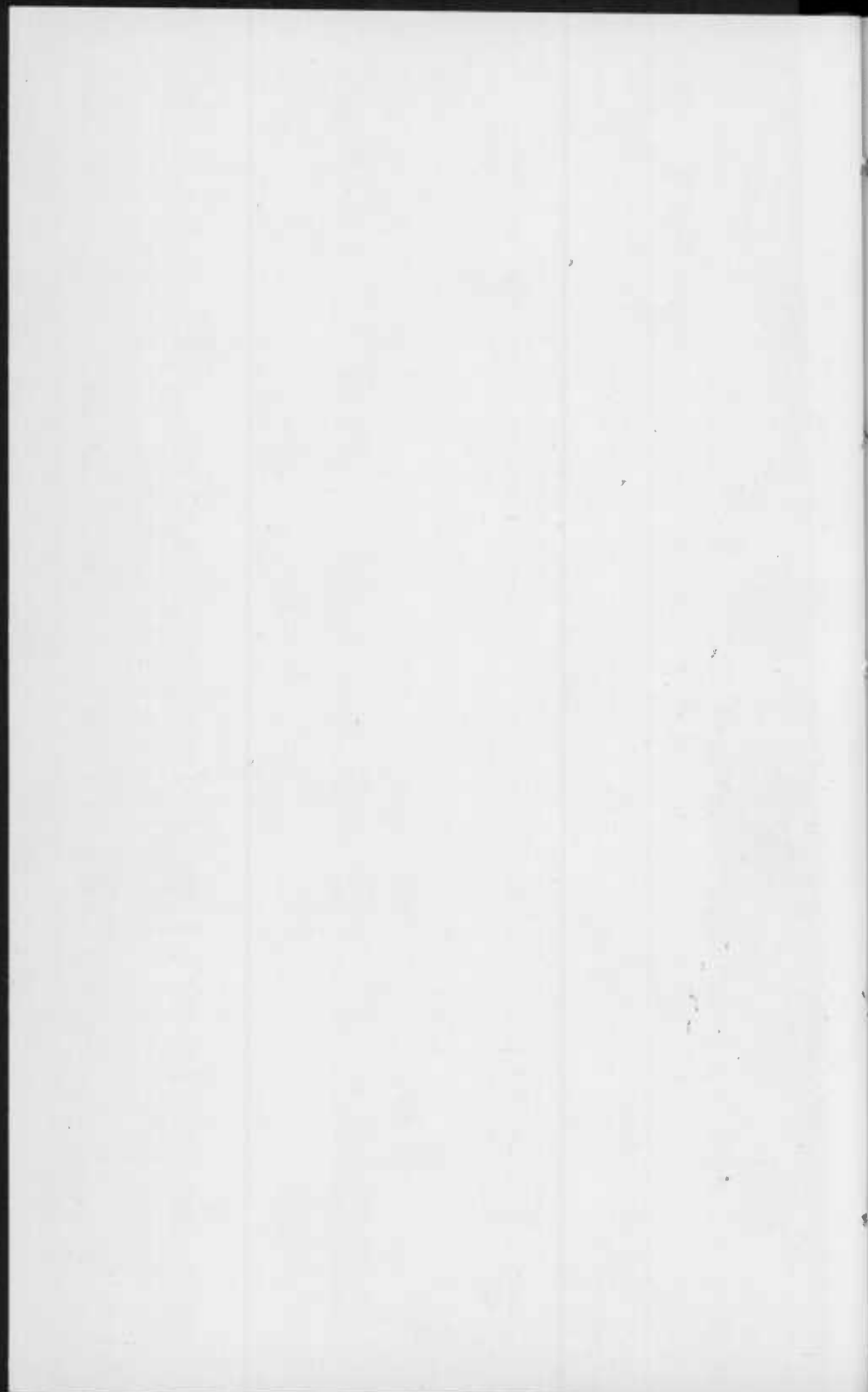
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John G. Williams .....*Superintendent, Bureau of Recreation*  
L. Edgar Myerly .....*Superintendent, Bureau of Parks*  
Stephanie Sodaro .....*Music and Administrative Supervisor*





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DEPARTMENT OF RECREATION AND PARKS

December 12, 1967

The Honorable Members  
Board of Recreation and Parks  
City of Baltimore, Maryland

This Annual Report of the Department of Recreation and Parks covers the first full year's operation from July 1, 1966 through June 30, 1967 under the City of Baltimore's recently installed fiscal year system.

The information contained herein is indicative of an accelerated pace of Capital Construction of facilities, increased and more diversified recreational progress and intensified maintenance activity with regular budget funds.

Participation in Federal programs, such as the Open Space Program of the Department of Housing and Urban Development and the Department of Interior's Land and Water Conservation Act, is now resulting in the receipt of funds which can be reinvested in Baltimore's park system.

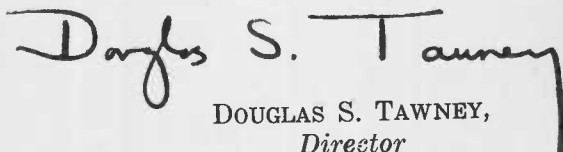
I wish to express appreciation to our hard working Board members for their support, cooperation and advice so readily available at all times during the past year.

Similarly, our thanks are extended to His Honor, Mayor Theodore R. McKeldin, the City Council and the Board of Estimates for their outstanding support of our efforts to improve and enlarge Baltimore's park system.

More than ever this year, inter-departmental cooperation has been enjoyed, particularly with the Department of Education, the Department of Planning, the Department of Public Works and the Department of Finance.

Finally, appreciation is expressed to all employees of this Department who worked so diligently and faithfully to accomplish what is described in the pages to follow.

Respectfully submitted,

  
DOUGLAS S. TAWNEY,  
*Director*



# Department of Recreation and Parks

## ADMINISTRATIVE DIVISION

### ADMINISTRATION OFFICE

DOUGLAS S. TAWNEY, *Director*

J. IRVING GRAY, *Executive Secretary*

STEPHANIE SODARO, *Music and Administrative Supervisor*

### BOARD OF RECREATION AND PARKS

The Board of Recreation and Parks held eleven regular meetings, two special Board meetings and one joint meeting with the Board of Estimates during fiscal 1967, July 1, 1966 to June 30, 1967. The Real Estate Committee, along with members of the Staff, conducted nine tours of inspection.

Active Committees during the year were:

*Budget*—Charles H. Rosenbaum, Chairman, Joseph H. Rash and Paul K. Hampshire

*Real Estate*—Samuel Epstein, Chairman, Mrs. M. Richmond Farring and Joseph H. Rash

*Health & Welfare Council of the Baltimore Area*—Mrs. M. Richmond Farring

*Board Representative Art Commission of Baltimore*—Mrs. M. Richmond Farring

*Stadium*—Joseph H. Rash, Chairman, Paul K. Hampshire and Charles H. Rosenbaum

*Zoo Promotion*—Mrs. M. Richmond Farring

*Committee on Rule No. 46*—Mrs. M. Richmond Farring, Charles H. Rosenbaum and Mrs. Robert L. Gill

*Procedures for Hearings Before the Board*—Charles H. Rosenbaum, Chairman, Mrs. M. Richmond Farring and Mrs. Robert L. Gill

### CONTRACTS

The following contracts were entered into by the Board of Recreation and Parks during fiscal 1967:

Parks Selling Concession

Childrens Theatre Association

Oriole Parking Lot

Poly-City Football Game—  
Stadium

Soccer-Baltimore Baseball Club,  
Inc.—Stadium

Hamilton Post #20, American  
Legion, March of Champions—  
Stadium

Natural History Society of Md.,  
Inc.—Maryland House

Baltimore Streetcar Museum, Inc.  
—Trolley Museum in Jones Falls  
Valley Park

Department of Education—Development and joint use of areas at Walbrook Oval and adjacent to Lake Clifton

Fort Smallwood Sun & Sand Concession

Lake Roland Concession

Scoreboard and Clock—Stadium

Colts Intersquad Game

Amateur Sports Federation Junior

Cub Baseball—Stadium

Golf Pros—Mt. Pleasant—Pine Ridge—Forest Park

B.U.R.H.A.—Relocation of Sam Smith Monument

Boy Scouts of America—Lease of Land in Wyman Park for the building

Renovating and Landscaping Broadway Squares between Monument and Orleans Streets (Private Donor)

## PROPERTY ACQUISITIONS AND DELETIONS

Property holdings of this Department as of June 30, 1967 totaled 5755.35 acres. During fiscal 1967, 38.63 were acquired, and .610 acres deleted.

### *Acquired*

1. Lakeland Property: Wegworth Lane, Eastshire Drive and Old Annapolis Road—This property was acquired by means of a Housing and Urban Development open space acquisition grant for which we have been reimbursed in the amount of \$25,500 or 30% of total cost. A development grant under BOR will be filed soon. 10.7 acres.

2. Warwick Avenue Playground: West Side of Warwick Avenue, North of Baltimore Street—At the request of the President of City Council, Mr. Thomas J. D'Alesandro, III, Our Department assumed maintenance of this area with the intention of improving it for recreational use. The lot is under the jurisdiction of the Department of Recreation and Parks. .939 acres.

3. Property located at Keyworth Avenue and the Western Maryland Railroad was taken into our real estate records, including for maintenance, after having been under our jurisdiction, and in the Master Plan for Recreation since 1941. 1.06 acres.

4. Triangular Lot: Bellona Avenue and Springlake Way—This lot has been accepted from Bureau of Highways for maintenance only. The title remains with the Bureau of Highways. .52 acres.

5. Our Department agreed to accept from the Baltimore Urban Renewal and Housing Agency 29 small inner block parks in the Harlem Park Urban Renewal Area, for maintenance only. 23.08 acres.

6. At the request of the Baltimore Urban Renewal and Housing Agency and upon the recommendation of the Board of Recreation and Parks, lot No. 4 in Madison Park South located at 1507-1511 McCulloh Street has been accepted for maintenance only. The property itself remains under the jurisdiction of Baltimore Urban Renewal and Housing Agency. .16 acres.

7. It has been determined that our Department will assume maintenance and jurisdiction over Hopkins Plaza (Area 14 Park). 2.019 acres.

8. The Board of Recreation and Parks approved transfer of property between Anderson Oldsmobile and our Department with respect to the Mace Street Tot Lot. Our Department received a piece of property one block to the North on the East side of Mace Street near 26th Street with the understanding that Anderson Oldsmobile would construct and equip a tot lot at this new location. .152 acres.

#### *Deleted*

1. Property along the West side of Falls Road, North of Northern Parkway, was transferred to the Bureau of Highways to be used for a new turning system for South bound traffic. The property was appraised by the City Real Estate Officer at \$1,200 and this amount was transferred to the Mayor and City Council Real Property Account (Bureau of Parks). .075 acres.

2. Property known as lot No. 27 located on the corner of Mt. Royal Avenue and Howard Street was acquired from our Department by BURHA for incorporation in the Madison Park North Urban Renewal Plan. The approved appraisal price of \$3,400 was transferred to the Mayor and City Council Real Property Account (Bureau of Parks). .30 acres.

3. Transfer of triangular parcel at Bolton and Lennox Streets to BURHA for the appraised price of \$1,025; funds were transferred from BURHA to the Mayor and City Council Real Property Account (Bureau of Parks). .015 acres.

4. At the request of the Bureau of Highways, our Board approved the transfer of property on the West side of Hanover Street at Potee Street to the Bureau of Highways for the purpose of widening Hanover Street at the appraised price of \$1,770. .046 acres.

5. Since 867 West North Avenue was included in the Madison Park North Urban Renewal Plan, Baltimore Urban Renewal and Housing Agency requested that this property be transferred to this agency. An appraisal of \$750 was placed on the property and transfer was accomplished. .022 acres.

6. The Board of Recreation and Parks approved the execution of an agreement between the Department of Education and our Department for joint recreational use of 3.2 acres South of Walbrook Oval adjacent to Walbrook Junior High School and .20 acres near Senior High School No. 40 in Clifton Park. Both properties remain under the jurisdiction of our Department. 3.40 acres.

7. The Board of Recreation and Parks approved transfer of property between Anderson Oldsmobile and our Department with respect to Mace Street tot lot. Anderson Realty, Inc. received a



parcel of property located at 2404-2418 Mace Street in exchange for a piece of property of like area, one block to the North, on the East side of Mace Street near 26th Street. .152 acres.

#### THE RENAMING OF LUCILLE PLAYGROUND

The Board of Recreation and Parks at its meeting of February 14, 1967 approved the renaming of Lucille Playground located in the rear of the 4700 block Reisterstown Road to the "Jack Paulsen Memorial Field", in honor of Mr. Paulsen who gave his life while attempting to apprehend a robbery suspect.

#### DEPARTMENTAL CHANGES

Mr. J. Irving Gray, Music and Administrative Supervisor, took on the additional responsibilities of Acting Executive Secretary upon the death of Mr. Joseph J. King, who held that position until he passed away February 15, 1966. Mr. Gray was appointed Executive Secretary to the Board of Recreation and Parks August 6, 1966.

Mr. Elliott W. Shallin appointed Music and Administrative Supervisor as of September 3, 1966, resigned on September 23, 1966, to return to his former position as Personnel Director of the Baltimore Symphony Orchestra.

Mr. William R. Schmidt, Jr., formerly Stadium Manager, was appointed Assistant Superintendent of Parks, effective August 6, 1966.

Miss Stephanie Sodaro was appointed Music and Administrative Supervisor January 23, 1967. Until her appointment, Miss Sodaro was Director of Music at Maryland Institute for Children.

#### ENGINEERING DIVISION

GERALD W. BUNN, *Principal Engineer*

WILLIAM B. ELKINS, *Senior Civil Engineer*

CHARLES F. TYSON, *Landscape Architect*

The Engineering Division serves both the Bureau of Parks and the Bureau of Recreation in many and varied ways. Projects of diversified nature are designed and the construction is carried out through contracts let by this office, or the other Bureaus of this Department. It is the responsibility of this office to see that all construction contracts, with the exception of those supervised by the Bureau of Building Construction, are properly carried out. Field surveys of all types are performed, and Engineering assistance is rendered in our cooperative projects with other departments.

1. The following projects were designed and contracts let and supervised by the Engineering Division:

- a. Broadway Median Park
- b. Resurfacing tennis courts and paving playgrounds at Dewees Playfield
- c. Construction of Bonview Playground
- d. Repairs to stable roof in Carroll Park
- e. Repair and repainting of water tank, Fort Smallwood
- f. Druid Hill Park Comfort Station
- g. New Lighting
  - (1) High Service reservoir, Druid Hill Park
  - (2) Ortman field, Patterson Park
  - (3) Stadium (Phase I)
- h. New heating plant in Conservatory, Druid Hill Park
- i. Restoration of Gazebo, Perkins Springs Square
- j. Leakin Park Comfort Station
- k. Repairs to Ice Rink at Stadium
- l. New foul poles at Stadium
2. Designed by others—contracts let and supervised by the Engineering Division:
  - a. John Eager Howard Playground
  - b. Yale Heights Playground
3. Designed by others—Engineering assistance during design and construction:
  - a. Hippopotamus House
4. Designed by Engineering Division — constructed by Construction Division:
  - a. Litter Eater—Zoo
5. Miscellaneous Engineering Services:
 

Topographical surveys and stake outs were made at many locations in the park system

In addition, the Engineering Division offers constant advice and assistance daily to the departmental staff members on all types of maintenance and construction problems.

## DEPARTMENT OF RECREATION AND PARKS

Financial Statement for the Year Ended June 30, 1967

01—General Fund	Appropriation	Charges	Unencumbered Balance
475 Administration, Direction & Control .....	\$ 114,549.00	\$ 116,387.57	(\$1,838.57)
481 Debt Service .....	1,389,808.00	1,389,807.95	.05
	<u>\$1,504,357.00</u>	<u>\$1,506,195.52</u>	<u>(\$1,838.52)</u>
Balance From Other Programs ....	1,838.52	.....	1,838.52
Total Department of Recreation & Parks .....	<u>\$1,506,195.52</u>	<u>\$1,506,195.52</u>	<u>\$0.00</u>

## **CAPITAL IMPROVEMENTS BUREAU OF RECREATION**

### **COMPLETED PROJECTS**

The following were completed between July 1, 1966 and June 30, 1967 at a total cost of \$874,822.75:

- a. **BRUNT STREET PLAYGROUND—2121 BRUNT STREET**  
A playlot was constructed and equipped on property donated to us by the Estate of Simon Needle. Contract awarded to Lewis Contractor Company in the amount of \$9,696.75.
- b. **RIVERSIDE PARK PLAYFIELD — COVINGTON, RANDALL AND JOHNSON STREETS**  
For construction of a field house, redesigning the playfield and enlarging the existing softball field; contract awarded to Northern Chesapeake Building Corporation in the amount of \$48,700.00.
- c. **LAKELAND - DORCHESTER HEIGHTS SCHOOL No. 12 SCHOOL RECREATION CENTER—WEGWORTH LANE AND OVERMOUNT AVENUE**  
This was a cooperative project with the Department of Education for a recreation center to be included when the school was constructed. Contract awarded to Charles J. Cirelli, Inc. in the amount of \$1,190,000.00. Our Department transferred \$180,000.00 to the Department of Education for the Recreation Center.
- d. **(CRISPUS ATTUCKS) EUTAW ELEMENTARY SCHOOL RECREATION CENTER—MCMECHEN, MCCULLOH AND WILSON STREETS**  
Architects were Marshall and Lewis. The Department of Education awarded contract for the school and recreation center to DeMoss Construction Company in the amount of \$1,662,000.00. Our Department transferred \$180,000.00 to the Department of Education for the Recreation Center.
- e. **EASTERWOOD PARK RECREATION CENTER—BENTALOU AND BAKER STREETS**  
Architect was John F. Eyring. Contract awarded to Eyring and Sons in the amount of \$396,000.00 for the construction of this, Latrobe and Hilton Recreation Centers. Bureau of Parks razed the existing comfort station. The project was dedicated May 11, 1967.
- f. **LATROBE PARK RECREATION CENTER—FORT AVENUE AND TOWSON STREET**  
Architect was John F. Eyring. Contract awarded Eyring & Sons in the amount of \$396,000.00 for the construction of this, Easterwood and Hilton Recreation Centers.
- g. **HILTON RECREATION CENTER—MT. OLIVET AND PHELPS LANES**  
Architect was John F. Eyring. Contract awarded Eyring and Sons in the amount of \$396,000.00 for this Recreation Center, Easterwood and Latrobe Recreation Centers. It was dedicated May 1, 1967.

- h. YALE HEIGHTS PLAYGROUND—BETHNAL DRIVE, YALE AVENUE, CEDAR GARDEN AND ELDONE ROADS  
Engineers were Knecht and Human. The playground was redesigned and apparatus installed. Contract awarded to the Baltimore Asphalt Paving Company in the amount of \$32,486.00. The project was completed December 14, 1966, and dedicated February 20, 1967. 50% reimbursement on Federal grant (BOR) was paid to this Department in the amount of \$17,307.99.

#### WORK UNDER CONTRACT

Projects under contract totaled \$731,280.00.

- a. JAMES MCHENRY SCHOOL NO. 10 SCHOOL RECREATION CENTER—HOLLINS AND SCHROEDER STS.  
Locke and Jackson designed the recreation center. Contract for the school building and recreation center was awarded to the MacLeod Construction Company in the amount of \$1,823,000.00. Our Department transferred \$180,000.00 to the Department of Education for the Recreation Center. Estimated completion date is February 1, 1969. Project is 5% complete.
- b. STEUART HILL RECREATION CENTER (UNION SQUARE)—LOMBARD AND GILMOR STREETS  
Architects are Tatar and Kelly. Contract for the school and recreation center has been awarded to Philip Vizzini & Son in the amount of \$1,959,000.00. Our Department transferred \$180,000.00 to the Department of Education for the Recreation Center. Estimated completion date is March, 1969. Project is 5% complete.
- c. JOHN EAGER HOWARD ELEMENTARY SCHOOL NO. 61—SCHOOL PLAYGROUND—LINDEN AVENUE AND KONIG STREET  
Architect Stanley English prepared plans and specifications. Contract awarded to low bidder, Starcon, Inc., in the amount of \$107,280.00. Federal grant (BOR) has been approved on the playground, and completion date extended to December 31, 1967. This project now 52% complete.
- d. JOHN EAGER HOWARD ELEMENTARY SCHOOL NO. 61—SCHOOL RECREATION CENTER—LINDEN AVENUE AND KONIG STREET  
Architect Stanley English prepared plans and specifications. Contract awarded to low bidder, Cam Construction Company, in the amount of \$264,000.00. Landscaping will be done under separate contract. This project is now 20% complete.

#### PROJECTS IN STUDY

- a. BAY BROOK RECREATION CENTER AND PLAYGROUND—6TH AND 10TH STREETS  
Architect Stanley English has completed final plans and specifications. \$100,000.00 for this project is included in the

1967-68 budget of the Bureau of Recreation. The project will be advertised for bids soon.

b. **JOHN ROGERS SCHOOL NO. 27 RECREATION CENTER—FAYETTE AND CHESTER STREETS**

Architect Van Fossen Schwab has final plans and specifications 88% complete. Department of Planning is coordinating the efforts of several city agencies to build a model playground on the order of Jacob Reese in New York at an approximate cost of \$400,000.00.

c. **COMFORT STATION, PATTERSON CASINO**

Architects Hebrank and Pippen have had preliminary plans approved and will proceed with final plans for renovations to the rest rooms of Patterson Park Casino.

d. **BLACKTOPPING AND RESURFACING**

Willow and Queensberry Playgrounds will be surfaced to prevent erosion. The basketball court at Easterwood Park will be resurfaced if funds permit.

e. **LIGHTING**

Listed in order of priority; to be done under the existing contract with Welsbach Corporation:

1. Willow Playground

2. Queensberry Playground

Lighting has been accomplished at the 2 playgrounds listed above.

Lighting will be done at:

3. Curtis Bay Recreation Center

4. Easterwood Park

5. Ambrose Kennedy Playground

6. Carroll Park Playground

7. Bocek Playfield

8. Dewees Playfield

9. Chick Webb Memorial Recreation Center

10. Latrobe Park Recreation Center

11. Towanda Playfield

12. Gwynns Falls Recreation Center

13. Franklin Playground

14. Ellwood Park Playground

15. North Harford Playfield

16. Riverside Park Playground

17. Wilkens Playground

18. Roosevelt Park Recreation Center

19. George Nichols Park

20. Morrell Park Playground

21. Gardenville Playfield

22. Joseph Lee Playfield

f. **1606 ARGYLE AVENUE**

The Board of Estimates has approved the sum of \$7,000.00 for acquisition of property and building. Because of a right of entry clause incorporated in the option to purchase the land, we can begin at once to demolish the building on the premises.

g. **BALTIMORE STREET AND WARWICK AVENUE**

Our Board approved this location for a playground. The property is owned by our Department, and we expect to do informal bidding. Preliminary plans are complete.

- h. 502-14 PRESSTMAN STREET  
The offer of the Pennsylvania Railroad to settle for the property in the amount of \$5,000.00 was referred to the Real Estate Department for their appraisal. Elmer Smith feels that the property is worth only \$1,000.00 and will negotiate with the Railroad on this matter.
- i. FAWCETT STREET AND HAMPDEN AVENUE  
Location approved for small playlot. Property is owned by our Department. Lot needs resurfacing and requisition has been placed for material. An informal bid will be contracted for playground equipment.
- j. COLLINGTON SQUARE  
Our Board and the Planning Commission have approved this location which is owned by our Department. We expect to do informal bidding to put in play equipment and/or basketball courts.
- k. MCKIM PLAYGROUND  
Architects are Wrenn, Lewis and Jenks. Because of a decision by the Planning Commission, Aisquith Street between Baltimore and Fayette Streets will be closed at a reasonable cost to this Department. An ordinance to accomplish this closing will be drawn up and introduced in City Council as soon as possible. Bureau of Highways has agreed to the transfer of the land covering the street bed of Aisquith Street to this Department. The Real Estate Department will appraise this land before transfer is authorized.

## BUREAU OF PARKS

### COMPLETED PROJECTS

The following were completed between July 1, 1966 and June 30, 1967 at a total cost of \$564,509.91:

- a. MADISON AVENUE ARCHWAY—MADISON AVENUE AND DRUID HILL PARK  
Contract for cleaning awarded to Better Buildings, Inc. in the amount of \$1,484.00.
- b. LATROBE MONUMENT—BROADWAY AND BALTIMORE STREET  
Contract for cleaning awarded Empire Building and Cleaning Company, Inc. in the amount of \$266.00.
- c. SWANN PARK FIELD HOUSE —MCCOMAS STREET WEST OF HANOVER STREET  
Architect Hebrank designed a type "B" field house for this location. Contract awarded to P. H. Walker Construction Company in the amount of \$48,050.33.
- d. ZOO PARKING LOT NO. 1 AND UTILITIES—DRUID HILL PARK  
A parking lot was built adjacent to the deer pen area. Engineers were Knecht and Human. Contract awarded to Baltimore Asphalt Paving Company in the amount of \$69,693.00.

- e. **DRUID HILL PARK GREEN HOUSES**  
The heating system in the green houses was renovated. Our engineers prepared plans and specifications. Contract awarded to Consolidated Mechanical Contractors, Inc. in the amount of \$4,986.00.
- f. **DRUID HILL PARK CONSERVATORY**  
William E. Lovett, contractor, installed one new boiler at cost of \$2,200.00 and unit heaters were installed on a cost plus basis of \$1,900.00.
- g. **CONSTRUCTION OF FENCES—BACKSTOPS AND FOOTWAYS AT UNDETERMINED LOCATIONS**  
A backstop already in stock was erected at the Hilton Recreation Center Area. In addition, J. T. Fritz & Sons, Inc. installed 3 backstops for \$1,650.00 at Herring Run Playground; Abbey Fence Company installed 1 backstop at a cost of \$580.00 at Maiden Choice Playground.
- h. **GIRAFFE HOUSE—DRUID HILL PARK**  
Architect was A. S. Abell. Contract awarded to Bishop Construction Company in the amount of \$284,099.00. Sodding was done under a separate contract—awarded to low bidder, Bishop Construction Company in the amount of \$787.00. Two giraffe, which were donated, arrived on November 9th and were installed in their new home; three more giraffe arrived June 6th. The dedication of this building was held on April 17, 1967.
- i. **COMFORT STATION—TENNIS COURT AREA—DRUID HILL PARK**  
Our engineers completed plans and specifications. Contract awarded to the P. H. Walker Construction Corporation in the amount of \$21,921.00. We were reimbursed for 80% of the total cost from the Fire Recovery Fund.
- j. **BROADWAY SQUARES—BETWEEN ORLEANS AND MONUMENT STREETS**  
An anonymous donor contributed \$50,000.00 for the renovation and landscaping of these squares. Contract awarded to low bidder, Ernest M. Carozza & Sons, in the amount of \$55,800.00. This project was dedicated June 12, 1967.
- k. **BONVIEW PLAYGROUND—CHESTERFIELD AND BONVIEW AVENUES**  
Contract awarded to low bidder, L. F. Mahoney, Inc. in the amount of \$12,800.00 for the hard surfacing of this and Dewees Playground.
- l. **DEWEES PLAYGROUND—TUNBRIDGE AND IVANHOE AVENUES**  
Seven new mercury vapor lights were installed by Welsbach Corporation at a total cost of \$3,320.95. Tennis and basketball courts were resurfaced. Contract awarded to low bidder, L. F. Mahoney, Inc. in the amount of \$12,800.00 for this and Bonview Playground.

- m. **STADIUM FIELD LIGHTING, PHASE II, AND ROOM ADDITION**  
This was the second stage of renovation of field lighting at the Stadium. Floor flood lights and fixtures were installed; 150 lights installed in Section W-3; 300 lights in Section E-3; 150 lights installed in Sections W-1 and E-1. The Central Electrical Company completed increasing the size of the feeders at a cost of \$1,400.00. An additional room was completed on the lower promenade deck over the Colt office for employees' locker room and the police. The room formerly occupied by the police and employees will now be used by the Orioles for group luncheons in connection with ball games.
- n. **PATTERSON PARK—REPLACEMENT OF FLOOD LIGHTS**  
The flood lights were replaced at Ortman Field; 38 of a new type of Metallic Vapor Lamp were installed and all work was completed under the existing park lighting contract held with Welsbach Corporation.
- o. **CLEANING, RENOVATING AND LANDSCAPING MONUMENT—PHASE I**  
The Thomas Wildey Monument was cleaned. The Broadway Squares from Baltimore Street to Orleans Street were sodded, new trees planted, and the area landscaped. New paving was done by Patterson Division.
- p. **DRUID HILL PARK—HIGH SERVICE FIELD**  
Twelve flood lights were replaced at the High Service Field under the existing park lighting contract with the Welsbach Corporation.

#### WORK UNDER CONTRACT

Projects under contract totaled \$754,606.00.

- a. **HIPPOPOTAMUS HOUSE AND ANTELOPE MOAT**  
Architect Edward H. Glidden, Jr.; contract has been awarded to Leimbach Construction Corporation in the amount of \$373,000.00; project now 80% complete.
- b. **GAZEBO AND PARK—PERKINS SQUARE RENOVATION**  
Plans are to renovate the roof, fill and pave the spring area inside the Gazebo with an aggregate, and replace the cupola and finial. Gibbons of Baltimore are painting and decorating the gazebo at no cost to this Department. At an inspection of the park by our Department and BURHA, it was determined that we would renovate the Square, in addition to the gazebo.
- c. **COMFORT STATION—UPPER LEAKIN PARK**  
Contract awarded on February 23, 1967 to Hooper-Sparhawk Associates for \$17,416.00. Our Construction Division has installed sanitary, water and electric service. The Water and Sewer Departments have made connections with the main line, and there will be an additional charge for this work. This project is 95% complete.



- d. **PARK AVENUE SQUARES — 1600 AND 1700 BLOCKS PARK AVENUE**  
Our engineers completed the landscaping plans and specifications for the renovation of these squares. Contract awarded to the P. H. Walker Construction Company in the amount of \$45,421.00. The project is 70% complete.
- e. **GEORGETOWN AND DESOTO ROAD PLAYFIELD—GEORGETOWN AND DESOTO ROAD**  
Engineers were Knecht and Human. Federal grant for development (BOR) has been accepted and revision approved in the amount of \$129,922.50. Contract awarded to low bidder, P. Flanigan & Sons, in the amount of \$249,845.00. Project is 25% complete.
- f. **NORTH STOCKTON STREET PLAYGROUND — 1303-23 NORTH STOCKTON STREET**  
Contract awarded to low bidder, Ernest M. Carozza in the amount of \$17,052.00. The Law Department reports that all right of entry papers needed have been signed, and construction can begin.
- g. **FLOWER BEDS—CITY HALL PLAZA—HOLIDAY STREET SIDE**  
At the Mayor's request, our Department designed flower beds around City Hall. Rullman & Wilson, Inc. is cutting Beaver Dam marble for use as curbing around flower beds, approximate cost \$3,400.00. Planting material is estimated at \$1,600.00. Our Department will provide the labor required for this project.
- h. **MANSION HOUSE REPAIR—DRUID HILL PARK**  
Extensive repairs will be made and a new roof placed on Mansion House in Druid Hill Park. The low bid of \$16,875.00 was received and accepted from Wallace & Gale Company. The project is 5% complete.
- i. **DRINKING FOUNTAINS, PARK SYSTEM**  
This will involve the replacement of existing fountains. Each of the five districts has submitted a list of five locations where replacements are most needed. The work will be undertaken by our Construction Division.

#### PROJECTS IN STUDY

- a. **CHERRY HILL PARK—POTEE STREET AND REEDBIRD AVENUE**  
The present stock pile of clay will be spread when more of this area is made available to us by the Bureau of Sanitation.
- b. **CARROLL PARK CLUB HOUSE—WASHINGTON BLVD. & GWYNNS FALLS PARKWAY**  
B. F. Owens and Associates, Architects, report that final plans will be complete upon receipt of the Mechanical and Structural drawings. Final plans and specifications should be filed soon.
- c. **JONES FALLS VALLEY PARK**  
The Board of Estimates approved the firm of Knecht and

Human as our consultants for the development of contract plans and specifications for Phase I of Jones Falls Valley Park. Our Department is now awaiting appraisals from the Real Estate Department on all parcels of land involved in Jones Falls Valley so that we can file for a Federal Grant.

- d. **TROLLEY MUSEUM—JONES FALLS VALLEY PARK**  
Trolley Museum will be located just North of the North Avenue Bridge. The Board of Estimates approved the land transfer of the Trolley Museum site. Also, the land for Museum site has been appraised by the Real Estate Department at \$6,725.00. Drawings for the building are complete and permission to advertise for bids has been secured.
- e. **WEGWORTH LANE PLAYFIELD (LAKELAND) — WEGWORTH LANE, EASTSHIRE DRIVE AND OLD ANNAPOLIS ROAD**  
Our Department has received payment in the amount of \$25,500.00 on the Federal Grant filed for 30% of acquisition cost. Final plans and specifications from Knecht and Human are nearly complete, and a 50% development grant (BOR) has been filed. Total estimated cost of project is \$404,382.68.
- f. **STADIUM LIGHTING, PHASE III**  
Plans are for continued renovation of field lighting, flood lights and fixtures. The problem of financing Phase III, since the \$50,000.00 earmarked for this project was cut by City Council, is still under discussion by this Department and the Department of Finance.
- g. **PATTERSON PARK ICE RINK**  
Mr. Peter Carver of "Rink Consultants, Inc." has been approved by the Consultants Evaluation Board and hired with Board of Estimates approval.
- h. **EUTAW PLACE SQUARES RENOVATION**  
Reactivating the water service in the Francis Scott Key Monument will be a *TOP PRIORITY* project. A serious leakage has been discovered and the Water Department is investigating. It is contemplated that successful renovation might include removal of the old walks, with a new type of walk, magnolia promenade and new sodding put in. Three out of the eight squares will be renovated. The one containing the monument and the two squares on either side are to be done.
- i. **GOLF COURSE IRRIGATION—5 COURSES**  
Projects to be scheduled for November, December, January and February so as not to interfere with revenue; nine holes on eighteen hole courses will always be kept open, while irrigation facilities are installed in remaining nine holes. Pine Ridge will be irrigated first. We have engaged Mr. Moran of Universal Turf Irrigation to do a pipe layout-engineering plan and give us broad specifications at a maximum fee of \$1,500.00. The specifications are almost complete.

j. MONUMENTS—CITY WIDE PHASE I

*General Pulaski Monument (TOP PRIORITY)*

The monument will be cleaned, and the surrounding area landscaped and fenced. Plant material is being purchased, and the fence selected is the old Clifton Park lake fence. Plans have been prepared by Mr. Tyson.

*War Memorial Plaza Steps*

Repair to exposed aggregate has been done. Contract to clean the steps will be put out for bids shortly. The steps will be pointed after cleaning by our Department.

k. CYLBURN COMFORT STATION

The old building will be utilized and a new addition put on it. Preliminary drawings of Architects Hebrank and Pippen have been approved and they will proceed with final drawings.

l. PATTERSON PARK CASINO ROOF

Casino roof will be repaired and woodwork replaced.

m. MAMMAL HOUSE EAVES AND DOORS

Mammal House concrete eaves and doors are to be replaced.

n. MISCELLANEOUS FENCES, BACKSTOPS

A backstop will be placed at Wilbur Waters Playground at a cost of \$500.00. Playground equipment worth \$2,900.00 for Idlewood Playground will be paid for from this fund.

o. FOREST PARK GOLF COURSE—COMFORT STATION AND SNACK STAND

Comfort Station and Snack Stand will be rebuilt in a different location. Site has been selected and construction drawings are 75% complete. Costs will be reimbursed from Fire Recovery Account.

p. EAST SQUARE OF MT. VERNON

Special renovation will be done at this location. Consideration is being given to reworking the hedge plants. Money for this work was specially earmarked from the legacy of Edwin Morgan.

q. CARROLL-CATON MANSION

The Board of Estimates approved hiring of Mr. E. Bruce Baetjer, Landscape Architect, to prepare plans and specifications for the development of the garden in the rear of the mansion. Preliminary plans are 90% complete.

### STATEMENT OF LOAN FUNDS

In the Election, November 7, 1967, the Department of Recreation and Parks will have a \$3,650,000.00 loan proposal on the ballot. If the bid for passage is successful, the program of accomplishment includes the following projects:

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| 1. Bay Brook Park | \$500,000.00 |
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(6th and 10th Streets, Brooklyn)

This money would continue the development of a 95.75 acre park located in South Baltimore in the Sixth Street, Church

Street and West Bay Avenue area. It is the site of the old wartime demountable housing which has been removed, and the entire area now has been graded and placed into lawn. A comfort station, baseball diamonds and football fields have been constructed. A recreation center and playground is currently under construction. The money which will be requested will provide the additional funds needed for extensive landscaping, electrical and sewage facilities, lighting for roads and paths, creation of parking areas, picnic areas and paved playing surfaces.

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| 2. (a) Edgcombe School Recreation Center<br>(2835 Virginia Avenue)             | \$250,000.00 |
| (b) Woodhome School Recreation Center<br>(Moyer and Clearview Avenues)         | \$250,000.00 |
| (c) Furley School Recreation Center<br>(Furley and Sipple Avenues)             | \$240,000.00 |
| (d) Rognel Heights School Recreation Center<br>(Sidehill and Seminole Avenues) | \$320,000.00 |

All of these recreation centers would be typical recreation buildings which would contain a multi-purpose room, meeting room, arts and crafts room, kitchen, Center Director's office, storage facilities and comfort facilities. From these buildings would be provided the supervised recreational programs which have proven so beneficial to other neighborhoods throughout the City. Plans for the Edgcombe Recreation Center and Woodhome Recreation Center are completed and ready for bid. The Furley School Recreation Center is now in a planning stage nearly complete and will be an integral part of the school construction.

In all of these projects, the combination of a school and recreation building produces a facility of great versatility in operating recreational programs and results in a great saving to the City of Baltimore in not having to build separate facilities at separate sites.

3. Inner City Playfields, Playgrounds and Play Lots \$1,090,000  
The Simonds and Simonds Master Plan for Recreation and Parks which has just been completed greatly emphasizes the need for Inner City Playfields, Playgrounds and Play Lots. The Department of Planning has indicated the following potential sites for early action:
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| (a) Pulaski and Lafayette Streets .....         | \$100,000.00 |
| (b) Madison Square .....                        | 100,000.00   |
| (Madison and Caroline Streets)                  |              |
| (c) Johnston Square .....                       | 100,000.00   |
| (Valley and Chase Streets)                      |              |
| (d) Collington Square .....                     | 100,000.00   |
| (Patterson Park Ave. & Preston St.)             |              |
| (e) Samuel Taylor School No. 122 Playfield..... | 300,000.00   |
| Acquisition and Development                     |              |

(f) Playfield—Stricker & Ramsay Sts. ....	100,000.00
(g) Fairmount Ave. & Washington St. ....	200,000.00
(h) Inner City Playgrounds—Locations unspecified .....	90,000.00
4. Historic Park (Fayette Street, Pratt Street, High Street, and the proposed Jones Falls Expressway)	\$1,000,000.00

The proposal for a historic park at the eastern edge of downtown was made by Mayor McKeldin in 1963, early in his administration. The proximity of the Shot Tower, the Carroll Mansion, and the Flag House seemed to offer an excellent basis for preserving these historic buildings in an attractive setting that would be worthy of their importance in our Maryland heritage. The \$1,000,000.00 requested would represent the cost of land to be paid by this Department and the balance for a development of the park predominantly passive in nature, featuring the historical buildings mentioned above. This appropriation, however, would not pay for any relocated historical or architecturally significant buildings.

## REPORT OF THREE BUREAUS

### BUREAU OF PARKS

MR. L. EDGAR MYERLY, *Superintendent of Parks*

MR. CHARLES A. YOUNG, JR., *Assistant Superintendent of Parks*

MR. WILLIAM R. SCHMIDT, JR., *Assistant Superintendent of Parks*

MR. NORMAN W. DAUGHERTY, *Senior Administrative Assistant*

The major accomplishments summarized in this report are in addition to the routine tasks of daily maintenance that have increased as facilities are put to greater use by persons frequenting the parks.

#### *Personnel Changes*

On August 6, 1966, William R. Schmidt, Jr., was appointed an Assistant Superintendent of Parks. This position was made possible by the abolishment of the unfilled post of Superintendent of Golf Courses. The addition of a second Assistant Superintendent of Parks made possible the assignment of each budget program to a separate Assistant Superintendent. This arrangement has worked to advantage and produced close supervision of each program.

Mrs. Ruth Chumley was appointed Principal Animal Keeper in charge of the Children's Zoo on March 31, 1967, to replace Mrs. Marieanne T. Sitler who resigned.

Frederick S. Graves retired on June 30, 1967, having served nineteen years as Principal Foreman, Assistant City Forester and Acting City Forester. On August 7, 1967, he will be replaced by Lester L. Straw.

### *Administrative Developments*

Application of the program budget to the operation of the bureau required numerous revisions of the accounting procedures, all of which are designed to aid in giving us immediate information as to the status of our fiscal activities.

Availability of Neighborhood Youth Corps personnel diminished during the year and the training program was discontinued. A limited number of young men were given permanent employment in the bureau.

Consolidated requisitions for the services of a contractor to apply fertilizer during November to 460 acres of turf, lime to 420 acres during May, and to apply a weedicide to 33 acres of parkways during April and May were prepared by the Central Office. The details of these activities appear in the division reports.

### *Capital Improvements*

In the Capital Improvement Program the following projects were completed:

1. Construction of a comfort station at No. 2 playground in Druid Hill Park. The Fire Recovery Fund provided 80% of the cost.
2. Surfacing, landscaping and installing playground apparatus and fencing at Bonview Playground.
3. Resurfacing tennis courts and basketball courts and installing lighting at DeWees Playfield.
4. Cleaning Madison Avenue Archway.
5. Cleaning and landscaping Latrobe Monument and the Thomas Wildey Monument. This project included the renovation of turf on Broadway Squares from Baltimore Street to Orleans Street and the block north of Monument Street.
6. The second stage of renovation of Stadium field lighting, including increasing the size of the wire feeding the upper deck concession stands.
7. Renovation of conservatory heating plant and center greenhouse at Druid Hill Conservatory.
8. Replacing field lights at Ortman Feld in Patterson Park.
9. Replacing field lights at High Service Field in Druid Hill Park.
10. Construction of a fieldhouse at Swann Park.
11. Zoo Parking area No. 1 including storm water drainage.
12. Giraffe House.
13. Renovation and landscaping Broadway Squares between Orleans and Monument Streets. An anonymous donor contributed \$50,000.00 to the project.
14. Construction of fences, backstops and miscellaneous structures.

## BUREAU BUDGET

Full comparison of the current budget to previous years is not conclusive in view of the extensive changes to the accounting procedure. Comparison of identical elements is made to establish a transition to the program budget.

	1965	FY 1967
Salaries and Wages .....	\$2,724,841	\$2,982,007
Other Personnel Cost .....	.....	\$ 354,480
Sub Total .....	\$2,724,481	\$3,336,487
Contractual Services		
Materials and Supplies .....	\$ 663,200	\$ 385,200
Sub Total .....	\$ 663,200	\$ 731,400
Equipment—Replacement .....	\$ 18,638	\$ 18,869
Equipment—Additional .....	.....	\$ 7,850
Sub Total .....	\$ 18,638	\$ 26,719
Partial Debt Service .....	.....	\$ 623,375
TOTAL .....	\$3,406,679	\$4,094,606*

## CARROLL DIVISION

MR. HARRY KUES, *District Superintendent*

In Carroll Park the area on the west side of Monroe Street and south of the Mt. Clare Railroad yards was cleared of unwanted trees and trash and was graded to complete the work begun in 1966. A 60-foot baseball diamond was built to accommodate the increased demand for this size diamond.

The swimming pool building in Riverside Park was renovated to provide a recreation room for elderly men. Elsewhere in this park the division razed the playground building and replaced it with a building constructed with Bureau of Recreation funds.

At Morrell Park fences and backstops were painted and a drinking fountain replaced at the wading pool.

In Swann Park the unsightly grandstand was replaced by a building constructed with Bureau of Parks funds and containing locker and shower accommodations for athletic teams using this park. The area surrounding the building was sodded and inclosed in an 8 foot fence to improve appearance and security. Guard posts were installed to exclude unauthorized vehicles from the playing fields.

At Cherry Hill Swimming Pool Building 55 windows were equipped with panes of plastic material to reduce the number of broken windows. Unfortunately, the plastic material proved unsatisfactory and the window openings were closed with brick to eliminate targets for acts of vandalism.

\* Excluding Some Debt Service

The monument at Ramsay and Payson Streets was landscaped with Merion blue grass sod in an effort to improve the appearance of the site.

The division at Fort Smallwood Park installed basketball boards near the picnic grove, graded beaches No. 1 and No. 2 with sand pushed from the bay, corrected erosion with 14 truck loads of rock, and installed 75 feet of fence on the jetty to improve control of the beach. The water tank was cleaned, repaired, painted, and the water pump was repaired.

Federal Hill Park was the site of a very successful concert by the Army Field Band on August 10, 1966.

The Carroll Park Golf Course was improved by the resodding of 9 tees with Merion blue grass.

During October a turf fertilizing program was begun in all park districts. This program applied a 10-6-4 granular fertilizer composed of 25% organic with a minimum of 1.5% insoluble nitrogen at the rate of 500 pounds per acre to selected turf areas. In Carroll Division 30 acres at Carroll Park Golf Course and 30 acres in Carroll Park were treated with fertilizer.

During May, 1967, the turf liming program begun in 1966 was continued in all districts. This program applied one ton of agricultural limestone containing not less than 45% total oxide and a screen analysis of 100% passing a No. 20 mesh to each acre. In Carroll Division 19 acres in Riverside Park and 11 acres in Swann Park were treated with lime.

During April, 1967, a turf weed control program was continued in the parks and parkways of all districts. A weedicide consisting of 2 quarts of silvex 46, 1 pint 2-4D and 8 ounces of glyac in 100 gallons of water were applied at the rate of 2 gallons to 1,000 square feet. In Carroll District 2 acres of Patapsco Avenue Parkway were treated for control of weeds.

In addition to the facilities listed in the summary the division maintained the following:

- 31 Drinking Fountains
- 5185 Lineal feet of Park Benches
- 426 Picnic Tables
- 50 Buildings
- 6 Monuments
- 10 Flagstuffs

#### CLIFTON DIVISION

MR. FRANCIS R. JONES, *District Superintendent*

The facilities of the division were improved by the installation of a basketball court and paving the level areas of Bonview Playground. Following the contract work 600 square yards of sod and shade trees were planted by the division. At Cold Stream Park two sets of swings, one sliding board, and a basketball court were installed. At DeWees Park the basketball and tennis courts



were resurfaced by contract. In Burdick Park one sliding board and one merry-go-round were installed and the swampy condition eliminated by installing blind ditches.

In Upper Herring Run Park a 60 foot baseball field was installed at Coxens' Meadow, the drain line and the drinking fountains at No. 4 ballfield were replaced, and at 3 Easterwood Drive baseball fields existing backstop were replaced by hooded backstops. An area near Crossland Avenue was reseeded requiring 100 pounds of seed and 100 cubic yards of soil.

The Clifton Park tennis courts were treated with calcium chloride, dressed with red clay and the court lines rechecked for accuracy.

The relandscaping of areas in front of the golf shop at Clifton Mansion was completed with the installation of 890 square yards of sod and 12 cubic yards of topsoil.

Areas on the 33rd Street parkway were resodded requiring approximately 4,000 square yards of sod.

At Clifton Park Golf Course and Mt. Pleasant Golf Course 6,660 square yards of sod were required to cover the tees and borders of the greens. All greens were treated to eliminate crabgrass. The building of a new No. 14 tee at Mt. Pleasant required 1,600 square yards of sod and 350 cubic yards of topsoil. Drinking fountains at No. 3 and No. 10 tees at Mt. Pleasant were replaced.

The turf fertilizing program included 30 acres in Upper Herring Run Park, two acres in Sherwood Gardens, 15½ acres on the Alameda Parkway, 12 acres on Loch Raven Parkway, 6 acres on 33rd Street Parkway, 5¾ acres on Hillen Road Parkway, 4½ acres on Walther Boulevard Parkway, 2⅓ acres on Perring Parkway and 3½ acres on Hillen Road Parkway. At Clifton Park Golf Course 30 acres, and at Mt. Pleasant Golf Course 60 acres were fertilized.

The turf liming program included 60 acres on Mt. Pleasant Golf Course, 50 acres on Clifton Park Golf Course, and 30 acres in Clifton Park south of St. Lo Drive.

Weed control in turf areas was applied to 5½ acres of the Alameda Parkway and 3½ acres of Norman Avenue Parkway, Walther Boulevard Parkway and Crossland Avenue.

The Clifton Park Swimming Pool in addition to providing recreation for 28,735 persons during the fiscal year was the site of the following events:

On July 9th Bureau of Recreation Junior Olympic Meet with 520 contestants; on August 6th Bureau of Recreation Municipal Games Meet with 530 contestants; on August 28th the Bureau of Recreation South Atlantic Area Championship with 300 contestants. The Watch Tower Society conducted a baptism for 900 persons on August 19th and Operation Champ during July provided swimming for 769 persons. During July, 711 persons attended Learn-To-Swim classes.

Graham Memorial Park was the site of the Loch Raven District Boy Scouts of America annual Camporee on May 19th, 20th and 21st with 3,000 persons attending. This park was also used by girl scouts, cub scouts and boy scouts for single day outings. The YMCA Triangle Ranch Day Camp used this park in June, July and August, 1966 for a day camp.

The Clifton Park Inclosed Field was used for the following events:

Pentathlon Track and Field Meet, South Atlantic Association Olympic Development Meets, Bureau of Recreation Track Training Meet, Baltimore Polytechnic Institute Field Day, South Atlantic Association 3000 Meter National Team Championship, Baltimore Exchange Club Junior Olympic Meet, Bureau of Recreation Senior Municipal Games Meet and Bureau of Recreation Junior Municipal Games Meet.

Clifton Park was used for scholastic and intercollegiate cross country meets, and Herring Run Park was used for Rugby matches. These were in addition to the extensive use for scholastic baseball and sandlot baseball and football events.

The Clifton Park tennis courts were the site of Maryland State Junior Tennis Tournament and the Sunpapers Municipal Tournament in July. The Maryland State Junior Association of Commerce Tournament was conducted in June, 1967.

#### CONSTRUCTION DIVISION

MR. GEORGE L. NICKEL, *Superintendent of Park Maintenance*

The Construction Division is responsible for the repair and renovation of all park structures, roads, footways and surfaced areas; for the maintenance of electrical, plumbing and heating facilities and the inspection of park lighting maintenance and power consumption. Construction machinery with operators were provided to all park divisions for division projects and a welding service for repair and fabrication of metal products was made available. The Construction Division completed projects during the year in the following locations:

#### *Carroll Division*

In the new fieldhouse at Swann Park 36 wooden lockers were built. At the Latrobe fieldhouse repairs to eaves and cornices on the 100 foot by 40 foot building were made, and a new roof was installed on the 20 foot by 20 foot shelter. At Fort Smallwood extensive repairs to shelters and beach cabanas were made for the opening of the season. A 20'x15' recreation room was built in the Riverside Park Swimming Pool Building. Major repairs to underground cable in Carroll Park, Federal Hill Park, Riverside Park and Fort Smallwood Park required 275 lineal feet of cable. The electrical systems on the water pump and on the sewerage plant at Fort Smallwood Park were overhauled.

Painting was accomplished on the interior and exterior of Latrobe Park Fieldhouse, interior and exterior of Riverside Park Swimming Pool Building, exterior of the Federal Hill Park and all buildings and picnic tables at Fort Smallwood.

New oil burners were installed at Latrobe Park Fieldhouse and at Carroll Park Golf Course.

Road and footway repairs in the Carroll Division required 61 tons of bituminous concrete and 120 tons of CR-6 stone. Plumbing service was given at 34 locations. At Cherry Hill Park Pool 35 windows were closed with brick paneling to prevent further damage to glass windows.

#### *Clifton Division*

The damage caused by vandalism to the Clifton Park Swimming Pool building roof and interior was repaired. Five shelters at Mt. Pleasant Golf Course that required new roofs were repaired. A total of 897 lineal feet of underground cable was replaced in the division; a high voltage transformer and street light regulator were replaced at Clifton Mansion; electrical wiring was installed in the new service building at Mt. Pleasant Golf Course.

Painting was accomplished on the exterior of all buildings at Graham Park; interior and exterior of Clifton Swimming Pool Building; interior and exterior of Clifton Band Shell and the exterior of the Superintendent's residence and the rented residence in Clifton Park.

Repairs to the deteriorated water supply lines at Clifton Park Swimming Pool required extensive excavating and the replacing of the concrete deck. This work was performed by the Construction Division. At Mt. Pleasant Golf Course service building a 500 gallon storage tank and gasoline pump were installed and a surfaced area requiring 400 tons of CR-6 stone was provided. At Chestnut Hill Playground 350 lineal feet of 42" high stone retaining wall was built; the athletic field at St. Lo Drive received repairs to 250 lineal feet of stone wall.

#### *Druid Hill Division*

At Pine Ridge Golf Course a 32' x 8' scoreboard, useable on both sides, was built at the 18th green to increase public interest in the tournaments played at this course.

The new comfort station at Playground No. 2 in Druid Hill Park was provided a 220 volt service that required 300 feet of buried cable. Throughout the division 775 lineal feet of deteriorated underground cable was replaced. The electrical service for the new Forestry Division was installed by the Construction Division.

The interior and exterior of the waiting station at the Fulton Avenue entrance to Druid Hill Park, the metal ceiling in the

Madison Avenue Archway and the exterior of all buildings in Robert E. Lee Park were painted.

The hot water heating boiler for the building housing the Druid Hill Division office was replaced. The drinking fountains at the conservatory and at Playground No. 2 were replaced.

The Sea Lion pond adjoining the Three Sisters' Lake was renovated by repairing the masonry wall and fence, installing a 2" water service and reducing the depth of the pond to 24 inches.

Repairing of roads and paths required 235 tons of bituminous concrete and 635 tons of CR-6 stone. The footpath beneath the Jones Falls Expressway was extended by the construction of masonry steps leading to a path at Clipper Esplanade. The cart paths at Pine Ridge Golf Course were extended.

#### *Gwynns Falls Division*

Painting was accomplished on the exterior of McDowell Mansion, the interior and exterior of the Forest Park Golf Clubhouse, interior and exterior of the Hanlon Park Fieldhouse, and the interior and exterior of the employees' residence in Leakin Park.

The hot water heating boiler at McDowell Mansion was replaced. For repair of roads and paths 60 tons of bituminous concrete and 200 tons of CR-6 stone were used.

At Forest Park Golf Course 220 lineal feet of 18" pipe was installed to eliminate the drainage problem on the No. 1 fairway.

#### *Horticulture Division*

The center greenhouse at the conservatory was rebuilt and the benches removed to permit the area to be used for exhibitions. This project required the installation of 1,500 panes of 20' x 20' double thickness glass, new wood frames, steel supporting members, 300 lineal feet of water pipe, flagstone walls, fin radiation and electric blowers for heating and a stone and pierced block wall.

At the conservatory building a 55 horsepower oil fired hot water boiler was installed and 300 lineal feet of 8 inch drain line was constructed to eliminate the unsatisfactory drainage of the basement. Surrounding the conservatory 1,000 square feet of concrete footway was renewed.

#### *Patterson Division*

In Patterson Park the roof sheathing and shingles on the 40' x 40' playground shelter were replaced.

At Collington Square 555 lineal feet of underground cable was replaced in addition to 114 lineal feet of cable in other parks of the division.

Painting was accomplished on the exterior of the District Superintendent's residence, and the Division Shop Buildings and

the interior of the Casino in Patterson Park. The floodlight towers at Ortmann Field were painted.

The toilet facilities in the basement of the Casino building were replaced as the result of repeated acts of vandalism. The pools in Mt. Vernon Place were overhauled in preparation for spring use.

For repair to roads and paths in the division 60 tons of bituminous concrete were used.

### *Stadium Division*

The administrative offices at Memorial Stadium were renovated by installing acoustic tile ceilings, and paneling the walls with factory finished wood panels. A locker room for municipal employees and police was built, and a dark room for press photographers added. Extensive repair to the fence system was made and the parking areas were repaired with 40 tons of bituminous concrete.

The 150 foot pipeline from the compressor to the Stadium Ice Rink was insulated with perlite insulating material. This work when coupled with the overhauling of the distribution manifold at the rink produced a 15% increase in the efficiency of the ice making process.

During the spring months 23,279 stadium seats were repainted to the ticket color plan, the exterior of 28 concession stands and 8 commissary stands, locker rooms, toilet and shower rooms, lobby and hallways, first aid room, dugouts, playing field walls, fences and scoreboard were given an annual painting.

### *Zoo Division*

At the Children's Zoo extensive carpentry repairs were made to the Noah's Ark, Tree House, foot bridges and the roof of the circular monkey cage. For the small circus wagon cages, a foot-way of bituminous concrete 8 feet wide and 100 feet long was built.

The exterior of all exhibition buildings at the Children's Zoo were painted, and at the main Zoo the circular concession stand was enlarged and painted. The interior and exterior of the Reptile House was painted.

To provide electric power at the new Giraffe House a transformer building was built and equipped by the Construction Division.

A service road 12 feet wide and 1200 feet in length required 64 tons of bituminous concrete, 350 tons of CR-6 stone, 600 gallons of road tar and 40 tons of No. 4 stone. The road serves the Giraffe House and provides a path from the Safari Train to view of Giraffe exhibition.

The division participated in the special events and seasonal activities of the Bureau with particular attention to the change-over at the Stadium, refurbishing Fort Smallwood Park, the Flower Mart in Mt. Vernon Place, golf tournaments and athletic meets that provide recreation throughout Baltimore City.

#### DRUID HILL DIVISION

MR. ROBERT L. ARO, *District Superintendent*

The renovation of Wyman Park in the vicinity of Beech Avenue was continued by the placing of 85,000 cubic yards of rubble delivered by excavation contractors. On 60% of this fill, 300 cubic yards of topsoil were spread, 100 pounds of grass seed planted, and the area mulched with hay for the growing of turf.

The facilities of the division were expanded by the installation of a 75 foot baseball field in Roosevelt Park and a 60 foot baseball field in Wyman Park. The latter field was made possible by erecting 375 feet of 42" fence along the slope north of Potts & Callahan Company. At Luckman Playground one set of large swings was added; a climb-a-round was installed at Buena Vista Playground and Asbury Playground. Five acres of land at Towanda Park and Stony Run were cleared of unwanted brush by Neighborhood Youth Corps personnel. In Stony Run Park nine new benches were placed south of Cold Spring Lane.

The tennis courts of the Druid Hill Conservatory were treated with sodium chloride and 45 cubic yards of clay. Tennis tournaments were conducted by the Baltimore Tennis Club and by the Net Men Club during the year.

In Druid Hill Park 628 guard posts were replaced on the Jones Falls Overlook, Mountain Pass Road and Whipper Will Road. On the south slope of Druid Lake Reservoir the eroded area was improved with 120 cubic yards of fill, 80 cubic yards of topsoil and 30 truck loads of wood chips to cover the filled areas. On Philosophers Walk two dilapidated bridges were replaced with steel beam bridges for greater safety and convenience.

At Queensbury Playground 300 square feet of pathway was constructed and the surrounding area graded, seeded and mulched.

The baseball fields were repaired and 412 cubic yards of clay added to prepare the fields for spring use.

To improve the appearance and reduce erosion at Robert E. Lee Park 25 loads of wood chips were spread in the picnic grove; at Wyman Park Dell 15 loads of wood chips were spread on the slopes.

At Pine Ridge Golf Course the following additions and renovations were accomplished:

1. All fairways were repaired using 80 cubic yards of topsoil and 5,660 square yards of sod.

2. The clubhouse area was resodded with 40 cubic yards of topsoil and 1,500 square yards of sod.
3. A surfaced cart path serving fairways Nos. 1, 4, 5, 6, 8, 10, 17, and 18 was constructed using 100 of crusher run stone and 50 tons of cold mix surface.
4. At No. 5 fairway a new ladies' tee was constructed, at No. 8 fairway the men's tee was enlarged by 2,000 square feet and all benches on the course were repaired and painted.

Pine Ridge Golf Course was the site of six tournaments by the Pine Ridge Golf Club, the Four Way Tournament by the Baltimore Golf Association, a USGA Junior Tournament, the National Public Links Qualifying Round, and numerous matches by local golf clubs.

Wyman Park Dell and Druid Hill Mansion lawn were the sites for Theater Under the Stars sponsored by the Equitable Trust Company. Performances of Moliere's "The Meiser" were well attended at each location.

The Druid Hill Mansion lawn was the site of two symphonic concerts sponsored jointly by Goucher College and the National Brewing Company.

The annual outdoor art show surrounding the Druid Hill Reservoir was attended by an overflow crowd in excellent weather.

The turf fertilizing program included 15 acres in Robert E. Lee Memorial Park, 15 acres in Wyman Park Tudor Arms area and Cedar Avenue Bridge area, three acres on Charles Street Avenue Parkway, five acres on Northern Parkway, 45 acres at Pine Ridge Golf Course and  $5\frac{3}{4}$  acres at miscellaneous sites.

The turf liming program included 75 acres at Pine Ridge Golf Course, 10 acres in Roosevelt Park and 5 acres in Wyman Park Tudor Arms area.

Control of weeds in turf areas was conducted in 11 acres of major parkways in the division. A general improvement in the appearance of turf and parkways was noted as the result of this effort.

#### FORESTRY DIVISION

MR. FRED S. GRAVES, *Acting City Forester*

The rainfall deficiency noted in the 1966 report continued during the balance of 1966. Normal precipitation during the winter months and spring of 1967 terminated tree drought that has persisted since 1960. June, again, was dry and hot, but normal summer rainfall was experienced beginning in July, 1967.

The Division removed 1,946 dead or diseased trees; 1,259 on the public highways and 687 in the parks. An additional 722 were removed by contract supervised by the Bureau of Highways.

The dry weather during the summer of 1966 necessitated an extensive program of watering saplings. This program included 418 trees in the parks and 8,382 trees on the highways.

The planting of street trees programmed in the Master Planting Plan continued during the year. Under this program 5,437 saplings were planted in block units, 1,309 saplings planted in single units and 1,470 saplings planted as replacements for previously planted saplings. The 8,216 saplings planted primarily in locations requiring that an opening be prepared in the footway were funded in the budget of the Bureau of Highways. This planting activity increased the tree inventory by 5,424. In an effort to eliminate weeds from the open space around newly planted trees and to improve the moisture conditions for tree growth, fiberglass matting was installed. Difficulty was experienced in keeping the matting staked down, as pedestrians and dogs severed the matting and presented an unsatisfactory installation.

In the parks 496 new saplings were planted and 299 saplings replaced. This planting increased the inventory of park trees by 108. The Division participated in the landscaping of the unit to 300 blocks North Broadway by planting 4 Zelkova, 4 Red Oak, 14 Ginkgo and 56 Cockspun Hawthorn trees and expended 53 man days. At North Harford Playfield 7 Irish Norway Maple, 3 Linden and 3 Amur Maackia were planted, expending 17 man days. At the West Bay Avenue entrance to Bay Brook Park 5 Sargent Cherry trees were planted at an expenditure of 5 man days.

Damage to saplings and tree guards by vandalism and striking by motor vehicles continues to be a serious problem. Replacement of tree guards and repairing of saplings has required a greatly increased portion of the Division's activities.

The log burning incinerator, placed in service in May, 1966, was plagued with mechanical problems. The cast ceiling failed to withstand the thermal shock of direct exposure to the elements and was replaced with a hung brick ceiling in July, 1967. The log cradle warped badly and was replaced and given a protective shield. The corrections that have been accomplished on this unit greatly improve the prospects that the incinerator will dispose efficiently of the logs and brush accumulated by Forestry Division operations. The selection of a loading crane will complete the apparatus and assure the proper operation of the incinerator.

For the Christmas season a 50 foot red cedar tree was erected in City Hall Plaza and a 40 foot cedar tree from Liberty Reservoir was erected in the south square of Mt. Vernon Place. In Federal Hill Park a lighted tree was displayed overlooking the inner harbor, and a fine lighted tree was displayed at Baltimore Memorial Stadium during the Christmas season.



A recapitulation of Forestry activities is as follows:

	FY 1967	1965	1964
Trees Pruned			
Parks .....	559	1,047	961
Highways .....	3,201	6,280	5,809
Total .....	3,760	7,327	6,770
Trees Planted			
Parks .....	795	448	429
Highways .....	7,421	6,208	1,101
Other Agencies .....	81	23	144
Total .....	8,297	6,679	1,674
Trees Removed			
Parks .....	687	560	375
Highways .....	1,259	715	654
Total by Forestry .....	1,946	1,275	1,029
Total by Contract .....	722	685	1,223
Total .....	2,668	1,960	2,252
Trees Sprayed			
Parks .....	1,041	1,488	1,195
Highways .....	11,564	12,407	12,558
Total .....	12,605	13,895	13,753
Trees Cultivated			
Parks .....	333	400	451
Highways .....	9,028	3,892	4,812
Total .....	9,361	4,292	5,263

#### GWYNNS FALLS DIVISION

MR. ALVIN A. ALLEN, *District Superintendent*

At Maiden Choice Park a 60 foot baseball field was added to the facilities. This field replaced 2 clay tennis courts that were no longer actively used. The project required 25 cubic yards of topsoil and 700 square yards of merion bluegrass sod. The required hooded backstop was installed by contract. At Mt. Olivet Lane adjoining the Hillen Recreation Center a softball field was constructed.

Our division is maintaining 29 small inner block parks in the Harlem Park Urban Renewal area that the Department agreed to accept from the Baltimore Urban Renewal and Housing Agency.

The Franklin Playfield was completely renovated to improve the drainage pattern and establish turf. 1400 square yards of merion bluegrass sod and 150 pounds of grass seed and mulching material were used. At Hanlon Park and at Bergner Mansion area in Gwynns Falls Park 1900 square yards of merion bluegrass sod was laid. Edmondson Avenue Parkway was renovated with 2000 square yards of turf.

Forest Park Golf Course was improved by rebuilding No. 13 green. This project was directed to improving the drainage pattern and renewing the putting surface with 7000 square feet of bent grass. Cart paths to fairways Nos. 13, 14 and 17 were built, and old No. 8 green was prepared as a turf nursery. The drainage of No. 1 fairway was improved by installing 160 feet of 12" steel pipe and sodding with 720 square yards of merion bluegrass turf.

The water distribution system was expanded using 500 feet of  $\frac{3}{4}$ " pipe and placing 6 outlets at greens Nos. 8, 9, 10, 13, 14 and 16. Greens Nos. 1, 3, 9, 11 were improved by installing metal barriers to exclude tree roots.

To complete the improvements 2200 square yards of merion bluegrass sod were installed at all tees except Nos. 6, 9, 10 and 17. The golf course was the site of 5 tournaments; the Frank Fisher Memorial, Jimmy Flattery Junior Boys, Men's Spring Championship, Ladies Public Park Championship and the Four Way Tournament by the Baltimore Golf Association.

The turf fertilizing program included 30 acres in Upper Leakin Park,  $8\frac{1}{2}$  acres at Gwynns Falls Parkway and 50 acres at Forest Park Golf Course. Callaway Avenue Parkway, Edmondson Avenue Parkway and National Pike Parkway required a total of 12 acres to be fertilized.

The turf liming program included 50 acres at Forest Park Golf Course, 5 acres at Maiden Choice Park and 25 acres in selected areas of Gwynns Falls Park.

Weed control in turf areas was applied to 6 acres of Gwynn Oak Avenue Parkway, Callaway Avenue Parkway, Wildwood Parkway and National Pike Parkway.

Throughout the year, Bergner Mansion was the location for semi-weekly meetings of the Rolling Road Art League. In addition to class sessions, the group presented portrait and professional criticism exhibits. Leakin Park Mansion was used for monthly meetings of the League of Maryland Horsemen and the Forest Park Golf Club, Inc. met on a monthly basis at the Forest Park Golf Clubhouse.

Baltimore Polytechnic Institute Amateur Radio Club held its annual field day in Upper Leakin Park.

## HORTICULTURE DIVISION

MR. GERARD J. MOUDRY, *Horticulturist*

The activities of the Horticulture Division were separated by function into indoor gardening, outdoor gardening, decoration service and maintenance-custodial services.

The center house at Druid Hill Greenhouses was rebuilt and the concrete benches removed to provide floor-level display areas. Personnel of the Division assisted the Construction Division in the building of the display areas and installation of new seasonal dis-

plays. The Chrysanthemum Show, Christmas Show and Spring Display attracted 17,000 persons. Regular visitors numbered 9,000 including 36 school groups of 1,617 students.

In addition to preparing and maintaining the indoor displays, 100,000 bedding plants, 5,000 shrubs, 2,000 pots of poinsettias, 3,200 pots of hyacinth, 750 pots of lilies, 200 pots of tulips and 5,000 pots of assorted plants were grown.

At 40 outdoor locations the flower beds were planted in both spring and fall for extended display purposes.

At the request of Mayor McKeldin, the Department of Recreation and Parks assumed maintenance of world famous Sherwood Gardens. His Honor, the Mayor, who was very interested in preserving this site, saw to it that \$25,000.00 was kept in the budget after it had been placed there for the Gardens. This year's blooms were a result of that \$25,000.00. The spring display at Sherwood Gardens required the planting of 50,000 tulip bulbs, 7,500 pansy plants and 500 new azalea plants.

The Aero Mayflower Transit Company donated 12 Mayflower Hawthorn trees, which were planted at Sherwood Gardens in a ceremony April 24, 1967. This was done in connection with the President's Beautification Program. The Mayflower tree is a species of Hawthorn, *crataegus oxyacantha*, having a historical link to the American Pilgrim Fathers. It was a likeness of the Hawthorn tree blossom which was painted on the stern of the original Mayflower Ship bringing the Pilgrims to America.

In addition to the planting of bulbs at Sherwood Gardens the Division began a long range project of revitalizing the azalea, crabapple and wisteria plants in this Garden. The accumulated dead wood was removed, plants reshaped and large quantities of wood chips spread as a mulch on the shrubbery beds.

At City Hall Plaza 600 ivy plants were replaced and a hedge of 110 plants of Japanese Roundleaf Holly was planted to replace the overgrown privet hedge. The new fieldhouses at Swann Park and at Riverside Park were landscaped and the ground cover planting on St. Paul Street Parkway was completed using 2,000 ivy plants.

At Cylburn Mansion, the meeting rooms were used by 152 groups, a total of 3,040 persons. During the year the Nature Interpretation Program was conducted by a temporary naturalist. This program was presented to 410 school classes of 15,048 students and was made possible by the excellent cooperation of the personnel of the Division and volunteer leaders from the Cylburn Wildflower Preserve and Garden Center. The Sunday Open House at Cylburn Park attracted 2,605 persons to the mansion and grounds, and provided an excellent opportunity for interested persons to view the unique displays featuring plant and bird life.

In June, 1967, Mrs. Helen Kramp was selected as the Park Naturalist and began preparations for the summer Nature Interpretation Program.

The Division continued the practice of changing the designs and materials in the planting beds throughout the city in an effort to display a wide selection of materials and attract the interest of serious gardeners. Although this practice requires more planning and attention, the variation provided is a rewarding feature.

The following flower beds were planted this year:

Carroll Division .....	5
Clifton Division .....	9
Druid Hill Division .....	24
Gwynns Falls Division .....	24
Horticulture Division .....	19
Patterson Division .....	17
Stadium .....	2

#### PATTERSON DIVISION

MR. FRANK T. BUTLER, *District Superintendent*

The Division was engaged in the renovation of Broadway Squares from Baltimore Street to Orleans Street and Monument Street to Madison Street during the spring months. The existing footways were removed, new grade lines established, topsoil added and 6,600 square yards of merion bluegrass sod placed. Twelve benches were located at the several intersections, and the area was landscaped. The Bureau of Highways cooperated in the renovation of the footways.

Mayor Theodore R. McKeldin and Mr. Samuel Hopkins, President of the Board of Recreation and Parks, had long been interested in the rejuvenation of the Broadway Squares. The cost of the project, completed and dedicated June 12, 1967, was paid for in part by funds in the amount of \$50,000.00, provided to the City of Baltimore by a donor who prefers to remain anonymous. Mr. Hopkins located this gracious donor, without whom our Department would not have been able to initiate the renovation. Design work for the renovation was performed by Mr. Charles F. Tyson, Landscape Architect of the Department of Recreation and Parks. An ornamental pool and fountain which is illuminated at night, was constructed just north of McElderry Street, opposite the Broadway entrance to Johns Hopkins Hospital. New planting includes 110 trees of 12 different species, and approximately 200 shrubs of several species. Six new flower beds were constructed, some surrounded by areas of bluestone paving.

The new Squares give this portion of North Broadway an appearance that compares favorably with the Victorian design that prevailed on this parkway for more than 75 years, and has generated renewed interest and attention for Broadway Squares.



*An aerial view of the Broadway Squares renovation.*

At Greenmount Avenue and Monument Street a triangular area under the jurisdiction of the Comptroller's Office was converted to a small park by the replacing of footways and the installation of a bench and water service. This area will be sodded and trees planted in the fall of 1967.

On St. Paul Street Parkway the sod was replaced with ivy, and pipe and chain barrier installed to protect the ground cover planting. This action has replaced an unsightly condition with an attractive parkway planting.

At Bocek Playfield a girls' softball field and backstop were built and several playgrounds were graded and had top soil placed. The small park at Market Place and Lombard Street was decorated with a large urn, four benches and additional brickwork. Difficulty was encountered in growing trees due to the presence of a steam line in this area.

In Lower Herring Run Park 115,000 cubic yards of fill was used to extend and improve the playing fields in the vicinity of Armistead Gardens. The area was further treated with 200 cubic yards of sludge and 70 cubic yards of topsoil.

Mt. Vernon Squares were fertilized with 1,500 pounds of milorganite and 110 square yards of sod in preparation for the Annual Flower Mart held May 10th by the Women's Civic League.

The turf fertilizing program included 16 acres at Bocek Playfield, 11 acres at Gardenville Playfield and two acres at Moores Run Park. In Patterson Park 184 acres were fertilized in addition to the above listed contract work.

The turf liming program included 16 acres in Bocek Playfield, 5 acres in Moores Run Park, 35 acres in Madison Square, one acre of Broadway Squares and 4 acres of Dundalk Avenue Parkway.

The control of weeds in turf areas on 5 acres of Pulaski Parkway, Dundalk Avenue Parkway and Madison Street Parkway was accomplished in the District.

During the year 70,121 persons visited the Pagoda in Patterson Park and the largest attendance to date was experienced at the fishing fair in the boat lake sponsored by the Junior Association of Commerce.

Patterson Park Pool was used for the Junior Olympic Swimming Meet, Catholic Youth Organization Meet and Learn-to-Swim classes in addition to the routine swimming sessions.

The athletic facilities of Patterson Park were extensively used by Department of Education for its activities and numerous leagues sponsored by the Bureau of Recreation. Track meets by the Girls' Brigade of America and the Parochial Schools were accommodated. The "I AM AN AMERICAN" Day Parade terminated at the Linwood Avenue side of the Park and again attracted an overflow crowd of spectators and participants.

The Division was assigned the maintenance of Hopkins Plaza, the first of the Charles Center Parks, during the final stage of development. The staffing and maintenance of a growing number of small parks in the central business district is a new aspect of the responsibilities of the district superintendent. Every effort was exerted to maintain the area in the most pleasing manner possible.

#### STADIUM DIVISION

MR. JAMES L. FISHER, *Acting Stadium Manager*

The highlight of the year at the Stadium was the outstanding performance of the Baltimore Orioles in winning the American League Pennant and then going on to sweep the Dodgers in the World Series. For two days, October 8th and 9th, when the series was played here, Baltimore was the hub of the baseball world and the center of attention in the nation. It is satisfying to note that although there were many demands and many problems, the series went smoothly and the 54,855 paid admissions at the second game set a new baseball attendance record at our Stadium.

Another important event during the year was the introduction of professional soccer at the Stadium when the Baltimore

Oriole management purchased a franchise in the newly formed National Professional Soccer League. The soccer season consisted of thirty-two games with sixteen home games scheduled at the Stadium from April 16, 1967 through August 16, 1967. With players from all over the world, the new team, the Baltimore Bays, offered Baltimore fans an exciting new game.

Another event of interest during the year was the use of the Stadium as the site of the Watchtower Society's annual convention held from August 17 through August 21st, 1966. The five day affair drew a total of 239,068 visitors with 61,115 of these appearing for the final session on Sunday, August 21st. Delegates and their families from the entire eastern seaboard were attracted to the event, and the organization efficiently supplied quarters and parking facilities for these people.

The entire operation of the Stadium, including its cleaning, was taken over by volunteers of the Society and the feat of serving hot meals to the throngs in attendance was so remarkable that the U. S. Army sent observers to study their operation.

Special funds in the amount of \$30,000.00 were allotted to the Stadium for correcting a problem in the electrical distribution system and for making further improvements to the field lighting. An overload on a 50 ampere breaker prevented the simultaneous use of the escalators and the heaters in the restrooms. Fortunately, a spare 100 ampere breaker was available, but in order to use this unit, it was necessary to pull heavier wire through the existing conduits to carry the increased load. This work was carried out at a cost of \$4,922.98 and proved an effective solution to the problem. Also because of an ever increasing demand for electricity, a similar distribution problem existed in the upper promenade area. This condition was corrected by installing heavier wire and breakers at the secondary transformers to the branch circuits. Also, the controls on the oil fired heating boilers were obsolete, making parts unavailable when repairs were required. A new and more efficient control system along with an improved oil circulating system was installed.

In the previous year 276 reflector type bulbs and fixtures of the type used at the Dodger Stadium were purchased to relamp the W2 and E2 towers. In this budget an additional 450 units were purchased for the W3 and E3 Towers. However, in order to intensify the light reaching the infield, the units for the last three rows of the No. 3 towers were shifted to the No. 1 towers which are located directly behind home plate. It is satisfying to note that the news and TV cameramen have commented favorably on the effect of the new lights.

In addition to the previous projects, the following improvements were made during the year. With funds for material from the Baltimore Orioles, the Construction Division and Stadium forces completed two rooms on the lower promenade at Section 40. These rooms were built for the use of the police and our employees so

that the former area, and the small meeting room off the lobby, could be converted into the new "Bird Feed" room. This promotion, offering small groups a package deal consisting of dinner, meeting some players and a ticket to the game was sorely missed when the "Hit and Run" room preempted the area formerly used for this purpose. With this solution however, the "Bird Feed" quickly reestablished its former position of popularity with the fans.

The need for increasing security at the Stadium has long been recognized, and in fact, has been included as an item in the Stadium's budget. This year because of the pressing nature of the problem, the Bureau entered into a contract to install fencing and screens in the open areas of the stadium structure and also arranged for increased fencing at the north end of the Stadium to discourage vandals from entering and causing damage to the scoreboard and other facilities. The prime purpose of the screening is not only to prevent people from illegally entering the park to see a ball game, but first, to make the stadium safer since it is usually those entering in this manner who cause most of the trouble during events; secondly, to minimize the chance of objects being thrown from the stadium and endangering the people below; and thirdly, to reduce the number of after hours burglaries and acts of vandalism.

Other accomplishments during the year were the panelling of the administrative offices; completing the seat painting project; purchasing a new tarpaulin, replacing 63 defective tubes in the domestic hot water boiler, repairing the refractory linings of the incinerator and boilers and constructing an additional photographic dark room with material purchased by the UPI.

As was expected from the spectacular year of the Orioles, the addition of soccer revenue and the usual superb year for the Colts (22 consecutive sell-outs through the years), the revenue for fiscal 1967 amounted to \$717,140.24 which was the highest ever recorded. Operating expenses for this period amounted to \$435,059.74 which resulted in the Stadium's highest gain of \$282,080.50.

#### a. Details of Stadium Revenue Including Ice Rink Receipts:

Type of Event	No. of Uses	Gross Attendance	Rental Revenue	Concession Revenue
Professional Baseball	72	1,597,414	\$170,991.28	\$124,630.03
Professional Football	8	435,386	153,491.61	33,203.68
Professional Soccer	9	45,159	5,559.67	1,536.75
Fireworks—July 4th	1	9,237	1,000.00	.....
Festival of Music	2	6,069	.....	122.21
March of Champions	1	12,437	750.00	714.78
Amateur Baseball	1	672	359.80	133.40
Watchtower Society	4	239,068	8,000.00	.....
City-Poly Football	1	21,727	175.00	1,133.56
Loyola-Calvert Hall	1	10,331	175.00	400.79
<b>TOTALS</b>	<b>100</b>	<b>2,377,500</b>	<b>\$340,502.36</b>	<b>\$161,875.20</b>



Total Rental Revenue .....	\$340,502.36
Total Concession Revenue .....	161,875.20
Sale of Utilities .....	19,881.44
Reimbursement from Colts for Lights, Field Restoration, Colt Band, Extra Handling of Tarp and Extra Use of Field Lights by CBS for light test .....	5,167.11
<b>Parking Revenue:</b>	
Stadium .....	17,918.28
Venable .....	32,340.62
<b>Parking Lot License:</b>	
Stadium .....	9,956.00
Venable .....	5,476.86
Rental of Office Space .....	3,345.00
<b>Advertising:</b>	
Clock .....	2,025.00
Scoreboard .....	41,500.00
Telephone Commissions .....	2,235.83
<b>Ice Rink Revenue:</b>	
Admissions (41,404) .....	20,556.00
Concessions .....	3,688.64
Repayment—1% Concessions Improvements .....	15,897.92
Repayment—6% Field Seats Improvements .....	26,424.94
Repayment—Rental Waived on 514 Mezzanine Seats .....	1,718.36
Repayment—Rental Waived on 2380 Upper Deck Seats .....	6,630.68

**TOTAL FY 67 STADIUM REVENUE  
INCLUDING ICE RINK RECEIPTS .....\$717,140.24**

**b. Revenue and Cost Comparisons—Memorial Stadium—1954 to 1967**

Year	Uses	Attendance	Revenue	Expenses	Gain (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
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
1960	94	1,829,969	581,826.55	337,942.98	243,883.57
1961	89	1,547,043	470,967.90	328,459.19	142,508.71
1962	90	1,391,452	480,098.46	312,573.43	167,525.03
1963	92	1,278,684	488,131.88	360,424.86	127,707.02
1964	87	1,804,191	604,151.07	420,046.16	184,104.91
1965	82	1,291,836	514,324.13	418,510.38	95,813.75
*1966	32	527,482	190,379.98	201,406.42	(11,026.44)
**1967	100	2,377,500	717,140.24	435,059.74	282,080.50

\* ½ Year period—January 1, 1966—June 30, 1966 because of conversion to fiscal year July 1—June 30

\*\* First fiscal year operation—July 1, 1966—June 30, 1967

c. Statement of Stadium Operating Expense

(1) Stadium	
Total Revenue .....	\$692,895.60
Total Operating Expense .....	435,059.74
	\$257,835.86
Gain for the year .....	
(2) Ice Rink	
Total Revenue .....	\$ 24,244.64
Total Operating Expense .....	27,856.63
	\$ 3,611.99
Loss for year .....	

A comparison of Stadium costs including debt retirement, interest on loan funds and capital improvements against Stadium revenue including property accruals follows:

STADIUM COSTS—1967	STADIUM REVENUE—1967
Operating Costs .....	Stadium Revenue .....
Capital Improvements ..	Under contract with the
Debt Retirement	Baltimore Orioles, one-
(Stadium) .....	eighteenth of the total
Interest on Loan	value of \$50,000.00 ex-
(Stadium) .....	pende for the con-
Debt Retirement	struction of the Oriole
(Ice Rink) .....	offices accrues to the
Interest on Loan	City each year .....
(Ice Rink) .....	2,777.00
TOTAL STADIUM	TOTAL STADIUM
COSTS—1967 .....	REVENUE—1967 .....
\$795,350.96	\$719,917.24

Thus for a net cost of \$75,433.72 the City of Baltimore accrued the following benefits from its operation of the Baltimore Memorial Stadium:

1. Provided entertainment for a total attendance of 2,377,500 Stadium patrons plus 41,404 skaters at the ice rink.
2. Directly created an expenditure of an estimated \$15,000,000 in Baltimore in connection with the Stadium operation. These expenditures include such items as lodging and hotel; rentals for the home teams, visiting teams and spectators; meals, gasoline, shopping, transportation and other entertainment. Resulting employment and benefits are difficult to estimate but are of significant importance. In this connection, it is interesting to recall the testimony at the recent Milwaukee trial in which the value of the Stadium to the area was graphically represented.
3. Provided national prestige and advertisement for Baltimore City by the presentation of Major League Baseball, Professional Football and other outstanding Stadium attractions.
4. Not to be overlooked in the financial picture is the growing value of the Stadium. Constructed at an initial cost of \$6,000,000 our plant could not be duplicated today without an expenditure of at least \$15,000,000.

The ice rink operated from November 21, 1966 through March 19, 1967. Although skating conditions were good, attendance at the rink showed a decline which can only be attributed to competition from the private, indoor rink located north of the City. Corrosion of the brine lines in the header trench necessitated costly repairs. New pipes were welded on the lines and the concrete rink pad repaired. The design at this point was modified so that no future deterioration should result. One important improvement accomplished was insulating the brine feeder line with perlite cement. This insulation has resulted in a marked improvement in the efficiency of the system.

A final accomplishment was the acquisition of a new Zamboni Resurfacing Machine. The dump body with which this model is equipped, greatly facilitated the removal of the shaved ice from the machine.

#### ZOO DIVISION

MR. ARTHUR R. WATSON, *Zoo Director*

Fiscal 1967 proved to be a very lively and important year at the Baltimore Zoo. New construction was being accomplished; a safari to Africa was organized, primarily to obtain Giraffe for one of the new buildings; and there was an increase in scientific and technical activities at the Zoo with a corresponding upgrading in the level of animal management. All of these were important achievements in their own right, but the combination promises an even more exciting Zoo in the future.

The new construction that was in progress during the year consisted of two major buildings. The first of these, the Giraffe House, was begun on November 26, 1965, and completed on March 13, 1967. The building was immediately acclaimed as an outstanding piece of architecture from an aesthetic as well as functional point of view and a fitting edifice to house the first Giraffe ever displayed at the Baltimore Zoo. The second building, which was started on September 21, 1966, is the new Hippo House. It is designed to provide tanks and display areas for Hippos, Pygmy Hippos and Tapirs as well as exterior pens for Antelopes. This building also evidences a fine architectural feeling and its completion in October, 1967, is eagerly awaited.

Before reporting on the safari to Africa, it would be well to describe the circumstances surrounding the acquisition of the first Giraffe at the Zoo. There were reports that these animals had been displayed in the past, but a careful search of the records as well as reliable personal recollections going back more than sixty years failed to corroborate this contention. It was concluded that the reports were false. Learning of this during a visit to the Zoo, and because of his keen interest in conservation, the trustee of the Gildea Foundation offered the sum of \$10,000.00 to the City for the acquisition of the first pair of Giraffe. His only stip-



*The newly completed giraffe house at Baltimore Zoo.*

ulations were that his own anonymity be preserved and that the purity of the breed acquired be maintained. As these conditions were readily acceptable, the first pair of Giraffe arrived at the Zoo on November 9, 1966, and were formally presented to the people of Baltimore by the donor's son on April 17, 1967, at the dedication of the new Giraffe House.

The other three Giraffe, which arrived at the Zoo on June 14, 1967, were captured on the Zoo's safari to Rhodesia, Africa. The expedition had been organized by Mr. Ray Thompson, of Ray Thompson and Associates, Inc., a long time friend of the Zoo, who also solicited the funds that paid for all expenses of the safari except the cost of the Giraffe and a Cheetah. Accompanied by Mr. Arthur Watson, Zoo Director, Mr. Thompson set out for Africa on November 6, 1966. Under the guidance of Mr. Walter Schulz of Okahandja, South West Africa, who is a professional collector and dealer in animals, the safari was successful in obtaining three Angolan Giraffe, two Cheetahs, two Long Eared Foxes, three Cape Hyrax, and a Secretary Bird. Plans were also under way for a second safari to Africa at the end of the fiscal year to obtain Pygmy Hippos which had never been exhibited at

our Zoo. Arrangements had been completed with the Liberian Legation for the exchange of animals from our Zoo with President Tubman of Liberia for the guarantee of at least one Pygmy Hippo plus any other animals which the safari might capture. The expedition is scheduled to leave for Liberia in July, 1967.

This trip was organized by Mr. Thompson and the newly formed Baltimore Zoological Society.

At its meeting on June 14, 1967, the Board of Recreation and Parks approved a resolution recognizing the establishment of the Baltimore Zoological Society. The Board welcomed the Society's desire to assist in the development of the Baltimore Zoo. The Society expressed the hope that one of its aims, to raise money annually for the purchase of animals at the Zoo, would become a reality.

There were many noteworthy examples of the increased technical activity of Zoo personnel during the year. Of particular interest was the preparation of two monographs, *The Poisonous Snakes of Vietnam* and *The Poisonous Snakes of Thailand*, by Mr. Frank Groves, head of our Reptile Department. These papers were prepared at the request of the Special Warfare School, U. S. Army, to instruct officer-students at the school in preparation for their assignment to Southeast Asia. The Reptile Department also reported a better than average rate in its breeding program with a total of fifty-seven snakes being either hatched or born alive. Mr. Groves and his staff presented numerous lectures before college and high school biology clubs, Boy Scout Troops and other interested groups.

The Bird Department, under the direction of Mr. John Moore, made many exemplary contributions in the scientific and technical areas. Working with Dr. William Sladen of the Johns Hopkins University, the Rock Island Moated Exhibit was modified and changed into a Penguin Rookery. A colleague of Dr. Sladen's in South Africa captured and shipped thirty, paired Blackfooted Penguins to the Baltimore Zoo. Three days after their capture, the birds were safe and sound in their new home. With the expected addition of a colony of Rockhopper Penguins in the near future, the penguin exhibit at the Baltimore Zoo will be the largest and one of the finest habitat exhibit of penguins in this country.

Also, early in 1967, a group of Hopkins scientists under a grant from the United States and Canadian Air Force undertook a study of the migration routes of the Whistling Swan. The purpose of the study was to determine the migration routes of these large birds in order to re-route aircraft during peak migration periods to reduce the chance of collision. After a number of unsuccessful attempts at trapping the swans, the Hopkins group invited the Baltimore Zoo Bird Department personnel to participate in the project. Two months after the Zoo began its participation in the project, eighty-six Swans had been captured, processed and released. These birds were tracked and successfully identified

both on Lake Erie and on their breeding grounds in Canada. As a consequence, the first phase of the study was a great success.

While working on this project, Bird Department personnel also were able to collect a number of interesting specimens for our waterfowl exhibit. The total dollar value of the specimens collected for the Zoo in this manner amounted to \$7,700.00.

Along similar lines, the waterfowl banding program which was initiated at the Waterfowl Lake in 1966 was continued, and in September, 1966, the Maryland Department of Game and Inland Fish designated the Baltimore Zoo as an official United States Fish and Wildlife Banding Station. Over 100 free-flying specimens were captured and banded at the Zoo and the information which this provided contributed to various conservation projects.

The Kagu study and breeding program was advanced by the satisfactory winterizing of their quarters. This bird, which unfortunately is one of the near-extinct species, is exhibited at only a few zoos in the world. Although no positive breeding success can be reported, a number of fertile eggs were laid and much knowledge was gained for future application. A sound spectrograph and sound level graph of the Kagu's voice was produced in February, 1967, by Bird Department personnel and Johns Hopkins scientists. The information gained by these voice-wave studies is valuable data on this species and is presently being prepared for publication.

In September, a pair of Giant Canada Geese was obtained. These large, handsome geese were thought to be extinct for a number of years, but were recently rediscovered in Canada. It is a distinct honor for our Zoo to be able to join other institutions in the conservation efforts on this rare species. Other interesting acquisitions in the Bird Department were a pair of South American Wood Rails and a Bald Eagle in a trade with the National Zoological Garden in Washington, a Giant Eagle Owl and a Secretary Bird from the African safari, and a pair of Crowned Pigeons by purchase.

Mrs. Ruth Chumley was appointed Superintendent of the Children's Zoo on March 31, 1967. Mrs. Chumley brought with her a dedication and enthusiasm which soon transformed the Children's Zoo into the delight that it is. Of interest also, was the construction of a whimsical Litter House which has "Barnaby Bear" looking out of his window complaining that he is hungry and wants paper to eat. The children then feed him trash which is sucked into the house by vacuum action and deposited on the floor inside. The idea for this building was obtained at a tour of the Cabin John Park outside of Washington during last year's Park and Recreation Convention.

One unfortunate tragedy, however, marred the success of this year's season. On April 29th, a pack of wild dogs broke into the Children's Zoo and slaughtered sixty-four of the young animals. The generous response of the public in offering their own pets to replace the lost animals was most heartening and this along with

an assist from Mother Nature in the adult herds soon saw the population restored.

To the delight of many youngsters, the Children's Zoo animals were used once again this year for visits to hospitals and TV shows. Also, twenty classes were held at the Children's Zoo for biology clubs and for such handicapped groups as the blind, the crippled, the retarded and children from project Head Start.

Because of the adoption of a fiscal year, this report covers portions of two seasons. At the Children's Zoo, the first portion extended from July 1, 1966 to November 13, 1966, and the second from April 13, 1967 to June 30, 1967. During this time, 121,830 children and 85,063 adults (a total of 206,893 admissions) entered the area, creating a revenue of \$38,995.30. In addition, revenue of \$3,445.30 was realized from the Carousel and \$8,074.49 from the Zoo-Choo Train. At the main Zoo, the City's income from the Safari Trains amounted to \$6,285.42.

The inventory of animals at the Baltimore Zoo as of June 30, 1967, showed a grand total of 1,339 specimens divided into 419 species. This was distributed as follows: Mammal Department—576 specimens of 122 species; Bird Department—580 specimens of 178 species; and Reptile Department—183 specimens of 119 species.

The Maryland House Museum reported approximately 102,669 visitors, including over 240 school groups. This attendance is an increase of more than 30,000 over previous years. Publications distributed at the museum have been very popular, especially the pamphlet *Snakes of Maryland*, which has been sent all over the world. Also, information on natural history in Maryland has been furnished to museums in this country and in Europe. Noteworthy achievements during the year were the completion of the Black Widow Spider exhibit, preparation by the Herpetological section of an exhibit on the reptiles of this State which should be ready for display next year, and continuation of the work on the mineral exhibit which is nearing completion and will contain the most complete collection of minerals in Maryland.

#### SUMMARY OF REVENUE SUPPORTED FACILITIES

In addition to the operation of Memorial Stadium, the Ice Skating Rink at that location, and the Children's Zoo, the Bureau of Parks operated the following revenue supported facilities:

##### *Golf Courses*

A total of 241,350 rounds of golf were played at the five municipal golf courses producing revenue in the amount of \$410,428.75. This revenue was at an all time high which was achieved primarily through an increase in golf fees of fifty cents per eighteen hole round placed in effect on April 1, 1967. It has always been the purpose of the Bureau to maintain a balance between revenue and expenses at the courses and a review of our records supported

the need for this adjustment. The increasing cost of supplies; rise in labor and salary rates; changes in the City's accounting method which added charges that have formerly been assigned to other areas; and an intensive turf improvement program by lime, fertilizer and sod application, and new green and tee construction; combined to increase the operational costs at the courses. It is satisfying to note, however, that even with this increase, and an additional surcharge, the rates at our courses compare most favorably with the greens fees charged at other courses in the area.

For the past several years, our Bureau has included in its capital improvement budget an item for watering fairways on the golf courses to prevent their being burned out during the summer. More and more courses both in the area and around the country are adopting some form of irrigation to correct this condition and to provide satisfactory turf during the hot months when play is heaviest. Unfortunately, because of the City's financial problems, we were unable to obtain this approval in the past. However, this year, we have been able to resolve the problem by getting the City's approval to impose a fifty cent surcharge on each eighteen hole round of golf to accumulate funds for this purpose. This surcharge was also added to our greens fees on April 1, 1967, and it is expected that work on the first course can begin during this coming fall.



GOLF COURSE REVENUE FOR FISCAL YEAR 1967

Course	Rounds Played	Revenue Greens Fees	Revenue Irrigation Surcharge	Total Revenue	Operating Cost
*Carroll .....	42,381	\$ 35,552.00	\$ 3,737.50	\$ 39,289.50	
Clifton .....	49,684	81,056.75	7,785.00	88,841.75	\$ 57,372.00
Forest Park .....	46,016	75,713.50	8,257.25	83,970.75	101,137.00
Mt. Pleasant .....	49,311	91,870.00	8,763.50	100,633.50	113,613.00
Pine Ridge .....	53,958	126,236.50	8,952.00	135,188.50	147,003.00
	241,350	\$410,428.75	\$37,495.25	\$447,924.00	\$580,382.00

\*A nine hole course

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Year	Rounds Played	Revenue	Operating Cost	Gain or (Loss)
1967 .....	241,350	\$447,924.00	\$580,382.00	(\$132,458.00)
*1966 .....	118,212	\$187,524.00	\$215,412.00	(\$ 27,888.00)
1965 .....	255,834	\$415,240.00	\$420,783.00	(\$ 5,543.00)**
1964 .....	252,783	\$401,111.00	\$407,938.00	(\$ 6,827.00)
1963 .....	270,607	\$431,291.00	\$364,246.00	\$ 67,045.00

\*Six months

\*\*Because of an error in computation, the figure \$73,120.00 (gain) printed in the 1965 Annual Report was incorrect. The deficit of \$5,543.00 shown above is the correct figure.

## Fort Smallwood

As in the previous period, a parking charge of 25¢ per motorcycle, \$1.00 per car and \$3.00 per bus was in effect from July 1, 1966 to September 11, 1966 and April 1, 1967 to June 30, 1967. During this time a total of 47 motorcycles, 23,009 cars and 403 buses entered the park. The bathing beaches were in operation from July 1, 1966 to September 5, 1966 and May 30, 1967 to June 30, 1967.

Park Patrons .....	129,097	Beach Concessions .....	\$ 4,058.24
Beach Patrons .....	42,269	Parking Fees .....	\$24,482.54
		Total Revenue .....	\$28,540.78
		Operating Cost .....	\$44,769.47

Year	Park Patrons	Beach Patrons	Revenue	Operating Cost	Gain or (Loss)
*1967	129,097	42,269	\$28,540.78	\$44,769.47	(\$16,228.69)
1965	144,550	40,259	\$20,481.00	\$36,000.00	(\$15,519.00)
1964	115,753	39,131	\$19,557.00	\$35,793.00	(\$16,236.00)
1963	129,000	44,673	\$19,512.00	\$38,961.00	(\$19,449.00)
1962	117,500	41,262	\$20,055.00	\$29,930.00	(\$ 8,875.00)

## Swimming Pools

The swimming pool periods included in this report are July 1, 1966 to September 5, 1966 and June 17, 1967 to June 30, 1967. The admission fees at the pools are 15¢ through age fourteen and 50¢ for all others. In addition to the public sessions which run from 12 Noon to 8:00 P.M. on weekdays and 12 Noon to 6:00 P.M. on Sundays, the Bureau of Recreation again conducted their free Learn-to-Swim classes in the mornings at the pools.

Pool	Days Open	Patrons	Revenue
Cherry Hill .....	72	15,432	\$ 2,203.90
Clifton .....	72	32,188	\$ 6,341.15
Druid Hill .....	76	36,361	\$ 6,899.30
Patterson .....	72	38,122	\$ 6,709.00
Riverside .....	73	30,750	\$ 4,929.40
Roosevelt .....	77	21,021	\$ 2,984.20
	442	173,874	\$30,066.95

The cost of operating the pools during the past fiscal year amounted to \$127,066.30 resulting in a loss of \$96,999.35. Cost for guards and attendants was \$67,029.70.

Year	Days Open	Patrons	Revenue	Operating Cost	Gain or (Loss)
*1967	442	173,874	\$30,066.95	\$127,066.30	(\$96,999.35)
1965	446	173,384	\$29,355.00	\$104,776.00	(\$75,421.00)
1964	431	167,943	\$29,244.00	\$112,434.00	(\$83,190.00)
1963	400	165,270	\$28,663.00	\$105,489.00	(\$76,826.00)
1962	411	155,698	\$27,119.00	\$ 88,258.00	(\$61,139.00)

\* Fiscal Year July 1, 1966 to June 30, 1967.

## SUMMARY OF RECREATION FACILITIES

The maintenance of existing facilities, in a condition and manner that will accommodate the recreational needs of the citizens, continued as the major activity of the Bureau. Each of the facilities listed in the following pages received a share of this maintenance.

59 Clay Tennis Courts	3 Ice Skating Ponds
52 Hard Surface Tennis Courts (10 lighted)	2 Fishing Lakes
57 Outdoor Basketball Courts	1 Boat Lake
18 Volley Ball Courts	6 Swimming Pools
43 Baseball Diamonds	8 Wading Pools
36 Little League Diamonds	2 Bathing Beaches
3 Pony League Diamonds	149 Playgrounds
92 Softball Diamonds (2 lighted)	176 Picnic Areas
33 Football Fields	1 Nine-Hole Golf Course
18 Soccer Fields	2 Archery Fields
1 Lacrosse Field	1 Ice Skating Rink (Stadium)
5 Running Tracks	4 Eighteen Hole Golf Courses
2 Croquet Fields	1 Bridle Trail
11 Quoit Ranges	1 Scouting Area
1 Quoit Shed	7 Skeet and Trap Ranges
1 Cricket Field	1 Stadium
1 Hockey Field	1 Driver Training Course
1 Wildflower Preserve, Nature Trails and Natural History Museum (Cylburn Park)	1 Zoo (including Children's Zoo)
2 Outdoor Shuffle Board Courts (Patterson)	2 Roller Skating Areas
1 Badminton Court	2 Bocci Courts
	1 Natural History Museum, Maryland House
	1 Rugby Field
	<b>TOTAL FACILITIES..... 810</b>

### Recreation facilities—Carroll Division

6 Clay Tennis Courts	3 at Carroll Park
6 at Carroll Park	1 at Cherry Hill Park
14 Hard Surface Tennis Courts	1 at Baybrook Park
2 at Riverside	8 Little League Diamonds
6 at Latrobe	2 at Carroll Park
4 at Garrett	4 at Baybrook Park
1 at Curtis Bay Playground	1 at Cummins Playground
1 at Federal Hill	1 at Morrell Park Playground
10 Outdoor Basketball Courts	2 Pony League Diamonds
1 at Garrett Park	2 at Bay Brook Park
2 at Latrobe Park	21 Softball Diamonds
1 at Curtis Bay Playground	1 at Riverside Park
1 at Riverside Park	5 at Latrobe Park
1 at Wagners Point Playground	4 at Swann Park
1 at Morrell Park	1 at Curtis Bay Playground
2 at Carroll Playground	1 at Garrett Park
1 at Federal Hill Park	2 at Cherry Hill Park
5 Volley Ball Courts	6 at Carroll Park
2 at Carroll Park	1 at Fort Armistead
1 at Riverside Park	7 Football Fields
2 at Latrobe Park	2 at Swann Park
7 Baseball Diamonds	2 at Carroll Park
1 at Latrobe Park	1 at Cherry Hill Park
1 at Swann Park	1 at Baybrook Park
	1 at Morrell Park—6 Man

- 3 Soccer Fields
    - 2 at Latrobe Park
    - 1 at Carroll Park
  - 2 Running Tracks
    - 1 at Carroll Park
    - 1 at Latrobe Park
  - 11 Quoit Ranges
    - 2 at Latrobe Park
    - 6 at Carroll Park
    - 1 at Riverside Park
    - 1 at Federal Hill Park
    - 1 at Garrett Park
  - 2 Swimming Pools
    - 1 at Riverside Park
    - 1 at Cherry Hill Park
  - 2 Wading Pools
    - 1 at Morrell Park
    - 1 at Curtis Bay Playground
  - 2 Bathing Beaches
    - 2 at Fort Smallwood
  - 1 Nine Hole Golf Course
    - 1 at Carroll Park
  - 26 Playgrounds
    - 1 at Carroll Park
    - 2 at Riverside Park
    - 1 at Garrett Park
    - 1 at Latrobe Park
    - 1 at Carroll Street Play-ground
    - 3 at Fort Smallwood
    - 1 at Cummins Playground
  - 1 at Beven Street Play-ground
  - 1 at Federal Hill Park
  - 1 at Wagners Point Play-ground
  - 1 at Morrell Park Play-ground
  - 1 at Indiana Avenue Play-ground
  - 1 at McHenry Street Play-ground
  - 1 at Otterbein Street Tot Lot
  - 1 at West Street Tot Lot
  - 1 at Conway Street & Fremont Avenue
  - 1 at Washburn Ave, Between 8th & 9th & Jeffery Sts.
  - 1 at Sydney Ave. Westport Playground
  - 1 at Clements Street
  - 1 at Curtis Bay Playground
  - 1 at South Baltimore Play-ground, Hamburg & Sharp Sts.
  - 1 at Lakeland & Wedgeworth Ave.
  - 1 at Georgetown & Desoto Rd.
- 136 Picnic Groves  
 136 at Fort Smallwood
- TOTAL FACILITIES ..... 265**

**Recreation Facilities—Clifton Division**

- 23 Clay Tennis Courts
  - 23 at Clifton Park
- 8 Hard Surface Tennis Courts
  - 5 at Clifton Park
  - 1 at DeWees Playground
  - 2 at North Harford Play-ground
- 10 Outdoor Basketball Courts
  - 1 at Herring Run Park
  - 1 at Mt. Pleasant Park
  - 1 at Willow Avenue Play-ground
  - 1 at 23rd Street & Greenmount
  - 1 at DeWees Playground
  - 1 at Stuart Ridgley
  - 1 at North Harford Play-ground
  - 1 at Robertson Street Play-ground
  - 1 at Coldstream Park
  - 1 at Bonview Playground
- 14 Baseball Diamonds
  - 5 at Clifton Park
  - 5 at Herring Run Park
- 12 Little League Baseball Diamonds
  - 9 at Herring Run Park
  - 1 at North Harford Play-ground
  - 2 at DeWees Playground
- 19 Softball Diamonds
  - 13 at Clifton Park
  - 2 at Mt. Pleasant Park
  - 3 at Herring Run Park
  - 1 at DeWees Playground
- 11 Football Fields
  - 2 at Clifton Park
  - 6 at Herring Run Park
  - 1 at Burdick Park
  - 1 at Mt. Pleasant Park
  - 1 at DeWees Playground
- 7 Soccer Fields
  - 3 at Clifton Park
  - 2 at Herring Run Park

- 1 at North Harford Play-ground
- 1 at Mt. Pleasant Park
- 1 Rugby Field
  - 1 at Herring Run Park
- 1 Lacrosse Field
  - 1 at Clifton Park
- 1 Driver Training Course
  - 1 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 Playground
  - 1 at North Harford Play-ground
- 2 Eighteen Hole Golf Courses
  - 1 at Clifton Park
  - 1 at Mt. Pleasant
- 17 Playgrounds
  - 1 at Burdick Park
  - 1 at Clifton Park

- 3 at Herring Run Park
  - 1 at Mt. Pleasant Park
  - 1 at Willow Avenue
  - 1 at Chestnut Hill
  - 1 at Hunters
  - 1 at DeWees Playground
  - 1 at Hillen Road
  - 1 at North Harford Play-ground
  - 1 at Chinquapin Park
  - 1 at Rear of 1700 Woodbourne Avenue
  - 1 at Rear 3800 block Sinclair Lane
  - 1 at Roberton Street Play-ground
  - 1 at Coldstream Park
  - 1 Bridle Path
    - 1 at Graham Memorial Park
  - 1 Scouting Area
    - 1 at Graham Memorial Park
  - 10 Picnic Groves
    - 1 at Clifton Park
    - 7 at Herring Run Park
    - 1 at Mt. Pleasant Park
    - 1 at Graham Memorial Park
  - 1 Archery Range
    - 1 at Graham Memorial Park
- TOTAL FACILITIES—  
CLIFTON ..... 147

Recreation Facilities—Druid Hill

- 10 Clay Tennis Courts
  - 10 at Druid Hill Park
- 19 Hard Surface Tennis Courts
  - 16 at Druid Hill Park
  - 3 at Towanda Park
- 8 Outdoor Basketball Courts
  - 2 at Druid Hill Park
  - 1 at Roosevelt Park
  - 1 at Towanda Park
  - 1 at Queensberry Play-ground
  - 1 at Mace Street Play-ground
  - 1 at Lucille Avenue Play-ground
  - 1 at Buena Vista
- 7 Volley Ball Courts
  - 2 at Druid Hill Park
  - 1 at Roosevelt Park
  - 1 at Towanda Park
  - 1 at Lucille Avenue Play-ground
  - 1 at Mace Street Play-ground
  - 1 at Queensberry Play-ground
- 8 Baseball Diamonds
  - 4 at Druid Hill Park

- 2 at Roosevelt Park
- 1 at Towanda Park
- 1 at Medfield Heights
- 17 Softball Diamonds
  - 6 at Druid Hill Park (1 lighted)
  - 2 at Roosevelt Park
  - 1 at Stoney Run Park
  - 2 at Lucille Avenue Play-ground
  - 2 at Towanda Park
  - 2 at Medfield Heights
  - 2 at Wyman Park
- 5 Football Fields
  - 2 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 (Consisting of casting pond, and model boat lake)
  - 1 at Lake Ro'land

- 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 (Con-  
sisting of diving & swim-  
ming pool)
  - 2 Wading Pools
    - 1 at Roosevelt Park
    - 1 at Towanda Park
  - 17 Playgrounds
    - 4 at Druid Hill Park
    - 1 at Mace Street  
Playground
    - 1 at Pall Mall Playground
    - 1 at Roosevelt Park
    - 1 at Queensberry  
Playground
  - 1 at Towanda Park
  - 1 at Lucille Avenue  
Playground
  - 1 at Buena Vista  
Playground
  - 1 at Crisp Street
  - 1 at Fawcett Street
  - 1 at Garrison & Denmore  
Avenues
  - 1 at Glen Avenue
  - 1 at Asberry
  - 1 at South of North Ave.,  
East of Bolton (Brewer  
Triangle)
  - 30 Picnic Groves
    - 10 at Druid Hill Park
    - 20 at Lake Roland
  - 1 Eighteen Hole Golf Course
    - 1 at Pine Ridge
  - 7 Skeet and Trap Fields
    - 7 at Loch Raven
- TOTAL FACILITIES .... 142

#### Recreation Facilities—Gwynns Falls

- 8 Clay Tennis Courts
  - 4 at Gwynns Falls Park
  - 4 at Leakin Park
- 8 Hard Surface Tennis Courts
  - 3 at Easterwood Park
  - 4 at Hanlon Park
  - 1 at 269 N. Hilton Street
- 11 Outdoor Basketball Courts
  - 1 at Easterwood Park
  - 2 at Laurens & Gilmore  
Streets
  - 1 at Wilkens Playground
  - 1 at Cahill Center
  - 1 at Franklin Playground
  - 1 at Lyndhurst Memorial  
Playground
  - 1 at Rev. Wilbur H. Waters  
Playground
  - 1 at Orchard Street
  - 1 at Vincent Street
  - 1 at Yale Avenue
- 6 Baseball Diamonds
  - 1 at Hanlon Park
  - 1 at Gwynns Falls Park  
(Lower)
  - 1 at Bloomingdale Oval
  - 1 at Maiden Choice Park
  - 1 at Leakin Park
  - 1 at Walnut Oval
- 8 Little League Diamonds
  - 1 at Hillsdale Park (Conlon  
Field)
  - 2 at Leakin Park (Stokes  
Drive)
- 1 at Gwynns Falls Park  
(Lower)
- 1 at Hanlon Park (Upper)
- 2 at Sloman Field (Upper)
- 1 at Maiden Choice (Upper  
Leakin)
- 1 Pony League Diamond
  - 1 at Leakin Park
- 14 Softball Diamonds
  - 2 at Easterwood Park
  - 1 at Nichols Park
  - 1 at Wilkens Playground
  - 4 at Bloomingdale Oval
  - 1 at Maiden Choice Park
  - 1 at Leakin Park (Lower)
  - 1 at Lyndhurst Memorial  
Park
  - 1 at Daisy Field
  - 1 at Franklin Playground
  - 1 at Mt. Oliver Lot
- 6 Football Fields
  - 2 at Bloomingdale Oval
  - 1 at Hanlon Park
  - 1 at Maiden Choice Park
  - 1 at Easterwood Park
  - 1 at Lower Gwynns Falls  
Park
- 61 Playgrounds
  - 1 at Penhurst
  - 1 at Maiden Choice Park
  - 2 at Gwynns Falls Park;  
Bergners, off North Ave.  
& Daisy Field
  - 1 at Easterwood Park

- 1 at Nichols Park
- 1 at Wildwood Pkwy. & Stokes Drive
- 2 at Hanlon Park
- 1 at Laurens & Gilmore Streets
- 1 at Orchard & Tessier Streets
- 1 at Rear 111-21 N. Amity Street
- 1 at Lafayette Ave. Between Payson & Brice
- 1 at Rear 4247 Rokeby Road
- 1 at Rear 911-19 Kevin Road
- 1 at Woodridge Playground, Rear 402 S. Fulton Ave.
- 1 at Carlton St. Between Lemon & Holton Alley
- 1 at Lyndhurst Memorial Playground
- 1 at Cahill Center
- 1 at Pen Lucy & Upland Parkway
- 1 at 18-28 North Amity Street
- 1 at 100 North Vincent Street
- 1 at 1620 Pierce Street
- 1 at 1101 Brewer Street
- 1 at Franklin Playground
- 1 at Rev. Wilbur R. Waters
- 1 at Yale Avenue
- 1 at Flowerton Avenue
- 1 at Boyd Street
- 1 at 3000 Poplar Terrace
- 1 at 1009-13 Sarah Ann Street
- 1 at Seminole Playground
- 1 at Wilkens Playground
- 1 at St. Charles Development
- 1 at 909 Calhoun Street
- 1 at 2200 North Fayette St. Rear (Potato Chip Park)
- 1 at Cumberland & Carey
- Harlem Inner Block Parks
  - 1 at Lanvale, Monroe, Harlem & Fulton Avenue
- 1 at Harlem, Monroe, Edmondson & Fulton Avenue
- 1 at Edmondson, Monroe, Franklin & Fulton Avenue
- 1 at Edmondson, Mount, Franklin & Fulton Avenue
- 1 at Edmondson, Mount, Franklin & Gilmore St.
- 1 at Edmondson, Stricker, Franklin & Gilmore St.
- 1 at Edmondson, Stricker, Franklin & Calhoun St.
- 1 at Edmondson, Carey, Franklin & Calhoun St.
- 1 at Edmondson, Carey, Franklin & Carrollton St.
- 1 at Edmondson, Carrollton, Franklin & Arlington Ave.
- 1 at Edmondson, Carrollton, Harlem & Arlington Ave.
- 1 at Edmondson, Carrollton, Harlem & Carey
- 1 at Edmondson, Calhoun, Harlem & Carey
- 1 at Edmondson, Fremont, Schroeder, Harlem
- 1 at Edmondson, Gilmore, Mount & Harlem
- 1 at Lanvale, Gilmore, Mount & Harlem
- 1 at Lanvale, Gilmore, Mount & Lafayette
- 1 at Lanvale, Fulton, Mount & Harlem
- 1 at Lanvale, Calhoun, Carey & Harlem
- 1 at Lanvale, Calhoun, Carey, Lafayette
- 1 at Lanvale, Carrollton, Carey, Lafayette
- 1 at Lanvale, Carrollton, Carey, Harlem
- 1 at Lanvale, Carrollton, Arlington, Harlem
- 1 at Lanvale, Fremont, Arlington, Harlem
- 1 Eighteen Hole Golf Course
  - 1 at Forest Park

TOTAL FACILITIES..... 124

Recreation Facilities—Patterson Division

- 2 Outside Shuffle Board Courts
  - 2 at Patterson Park
- 1 Badminton Court
  - 1 at Patterson Park
- 2 Bocci Courts
  - 2 at John Booth Recreation Center
- 12 Clay Tennis Courts
  - 12 at Patterson Park
- 3 Hard Surface Tennis Courts
  - 2 at Patterson Park
  - 1 at Bocek Playground
- 18 Outdoor Basketball Courts
  - 5 at Patterson Park
  - 1 at Joseph Lee
  - 2 at Princeton Place
  - 1 at Luzerne Avenue Playground

- 1 at Canton Market Play-ground
- 1 at Boston Street Play-ground
- 1 at Elmley Avenue Play-ground
- 1 at Ambrose J. Kennedy Playground
- 1 at Orleans Street Play-ground
- 1 at City Springs
- 1 at Bocek Field
- 1 at St. Leo's, Pratt Street
- 1 at Gardenville Recreation Center
- 6 Volley Ball Courts
  - 2 at Patterson Park
  - 1 at Joseph Lee
  - 1 at Luzerne Avenue Play-ground
  - 1 at Canton Market
  - 1 at Ambrose Kennedy Playground
- 8 Baseball Diamonds
  - 3 at Patterson Park
  - 1 at Joseph Lee Playfield
  - 1 at Bocek Playfield
  - 2 at Lower Herring Run
  - 1 at Gardenville
- 8 Little League Baseball Diamonds
  - 2 at Patterson Park
  - 2 at Joseph Lee
  - 1 at President Street
  - 1 at Bocek
  - 2 at Gardenville
- 21 Softball Diamonds
  - 11 at Patterson Park
  - 2 at Boston Street Play-ground
  - 1 at Elmly Avenue Play-ground
  - 1 at Ambrose Kennedy Playground
  - 1 at City Springs
  - 1 at Orleans Street Play-ground
  - 3 at Bocek Playground
  - 1 at Gardenville
- 4 Football Fields
  - 1 at Patterson Park
  - 1 at Boston Street Play-ground
  - 1 at Bocek Playfield
  - 1 at Gardenville
- 8 Soccer Fields
  - 4 at Patterson Park
  - 1 at Boston Street Play-ground
  - 1 at Joseph Lee Playfield
  - 1 at Bocek Playfield
  - 1 at Gardenville
  - 1 Hockey Field
    - 1 at Patterson Park
  - 1 Running Track
    - 1 at Patterson Park
  - 1 Quoit Shed
    - 1 at Patterson Park
  - 2 Roller Skating Rinks
    - 2 at Patterson Park
  - 1 Swimming Pool
    - 1 at Patterson Park (consisting of diving, swimming & wading pool)
- 27 Playgrounds
  - 1 at Bocek
  - 1 at Princeton Place
  - 1 at Luzerne Avenue Play-ground
  - 2 at Patterson Park
  - 1 at Boston Street Play-ground
  - 1 at Joseph Lee
  - 1 at Canton Market Play-ground
  - 1 at City Springs
  - 1 at Stiles Street Play-ground
  - 1 at Ambrose Kennedy Playground
  - 1 at Elmley Avenue Play-ground
  - 1 at Janey Street Play-ground
  - 1 at St. Helena Playground
  - 1 at Hoffman Street Play-ground
  - 1 at Curley Street Tot Lot
  - 1 at Shuter Street Tot Lot
  - 1 at St. Leo's Pratt Street
  - 1 at Dallas Street
  - 2 at Ellsworth Street
  - 1 at Fagley Street
  - 1 at Orleans Street Play-ground
  - 1 at Gardenville Rec. Center
  - 1 at Cedonia Avenue Play-ground
  - 1 at Whitby Road Play-ground
  - 1 at Bucknell & Moore's Run Drive Plgd.

TOTAL FACILITIES ..... 126

Recreation Facilities—Zoo Division

- 1 Playground
  - 1 at Children's Zoo



Recreation Facilities—Other Divisions

- |   |  |
|---|--|
| 1 Wildflower Preserve, Nature Trails and Natural History Museum at Cylburn Park | 1 Ice Skating Rink at Stadium              |
| 1 Stadium   | 1 Zoo                                      |
|   | 1 Natural History Museum at Maryland House |

BUREAU OF PARKS

Financial Statement for the Year Ended June 30, 1967

	Appropriation	Charges	Unencumbered Balance
<b>01—General Fund</b>			
478 General Park Services			
01 Administration .....	\$ 185,320.00	\$ 200,559.49	(\$15,239.49)
02 Office Services .....	88,550.00	166,892.79	( 78,342.79)
03 Forestry .....	165,573.00	94,882.19	70,690.81
04 Horticulture .....	267,203.00	290,536.81	( 23,333.81)
05 Maintenance of Large Parks .....	1,535,897.00	1,487,218.85	48,678.15
06 Maintenance of Neighborhood Parks and Squares .....	457,383.00	352,003.50	105,379.50
07 Maintenance of Odd Lots and Monuments .....	43,591.00	16,290.12	27,300.88
08 Maintenance of Playgrounds .....	105,372.00	125,229.94	( 19,857.94)
09 Maintenance of Rolling Equipment .....	63,949.00	113,780.03	( 49,831.03)
Total .....	<u>\$2,912,838.00</u>	<u>\$2,847,393.72</u>	<u>\$65,444.28</u>
479 Special Park Facilities			
01 Carroll Park Golf Course .....	\$ 52,416.00	\$ 57,420.95	(\$ 5,004.95)
02 Clifton Park Golf Course .....	108,012.00	101,176.66	6,835.34
03 Mt. Pleasant Golf Course .....	129,822.00	147,090.68	( 17,268.68)
04 Pine Ridge Golf Course	134,368.00	161,403.77	( 27,035.77)
05 Forest Park Golf Course	106,500.00	113,688.35	( 7,188.35)
06 Zoo .....	408,562.00	365,313.71	43,248.29
07 Swimming Pools .....	133,154.00	128,973.20	4,180.80
08 Fort Smallwood .....	39,366.00	44,769.47	( 5,403.47)
09 Stadium .....	702,442.00	801,095.96	( 98,653.96)
10 Stadium Ice Skating Rink .....	39,564.00	35,492.51	4,071.49
11 Children's Zoo .....	81,627.00	85,762.06	( 4,135.06)
Total .....	<u>\$1,935,833.00</u>	<u>\$2,042,187.32</u>	<u>(\$106,354.32)</u>
Balance From Other Programs .....	\$ 40,910.04	.....	\$ 40,910.04
Total 01 General Fund	<u>\$4,889,581.04</u>	<u>\$4,889,581.04</u>	<u>\$0.00</u>
<b>02—Special Revenue Fund Appropriation</b>			
479 Special Park Facilities			
06 Zoo .....	\$ 10,000.00	\$ 10,000.00	\$0.00

	Appropriation	Charges	Unencumbered Balance
<b>08—Revolving Funds</b>			
781 Compensated Work .....		\$ 3,957.20	(\$ 3,957.20)
791 Parks Reimbursement Highway Forestry, Etc. ..	\$ 19,638.00	26,324.82	( 6,686.82)
Total .....	\$ 19,638.00	\$ 30,282.02	(\$ 10,644.02)
Balance Forwarded to 1967-1968 .....	10,644.02		10,644.02
Total 08 Revolving Funds	\$ 30,282.02	\$ 30,282.02	\$0.00
<b>Capital Improvements</b>			
11 Capital Improvements—General Fund .....	\$ 310,022.70	\$ 258,188.75	\$ 51,833.95
12 Capital Improvements—Special Revenue Fund—M & C.C. Real Property Account	234,351.39	97,791.82	136,559.57
13 Capital Improvements—Special Revenue Fund—State Grants .....		25,000.00	( 25,000.00)
16 Capital Improvements—Special Revenue Fund—Public Grants .....	58,682.25	46,906.67	11,775.58
56 3rd Public Park Building Serial 1965-1974 .....	260,316.54	236,689.20	23,627.34
57 4th Public Park Serial 1966-1975 .....	1,745,470.72	332,685.96	1,412,784.76
58 Jones Falls Valley Park Serial 1965-1974 .....	2,738,236.56	5,233.64	2,733,002.92
61 Recreation and Park Serial —1964-1978 .....	6,066.07		6,066.07
63 3rd Recreational and Parks Serial 1968-1970 .....	392,271.43	339,839.64	52,431.79
Total .....	\$5,745,417.66	\$1,342,335.68	\$4,403,081.98
Balances Forwarded to 1967-1968 .....	4,403,081.98		(4,403,081.98)
Total Capital Improvements	\$1,342,335.68	\$1,342,335.68	\$0.00
Grand Total—Bureau of Parks	\$6,272,198.74	\$6,272,198.74	\$0.00

**CITY OF BALTIMORE  
BUREAU OF ACCOUNTING OPERATIONS  
DIVISION OF PARKS**

**Statement of Revenue for the Period July 1, 1966 to June 30, 1967**

AA-05-040	Bus Tax—Baltimore Transit .....	\$ 310,766.29
AA-05-041	Special Tax—Baltimore Transit .....	195,189.34
AA-05-042	Other Bus Companies.....	2,371.96
AA-73-779	Golf Revenue—Surcharge.....	35,944.25
AA-73-780	Golf Revenue—Carroll Park.....	35,245.40
AA-73-781	Golf Revenue—Clifton Park.....	81,977.65
AA-73-782	Golf Revenue—Mt. Pleasant .....	94,024.55
AA-73-783	Golf Revenue—Pine Ridge .....	129,941.80
AA-73-784	Golf Revenue—Forest Park .....	79,708.80
AA-73-785	Swimming & Wading Pool .....	30,822.20
AA-73-786	Ice Skating Rink .....	24,241.66

AA-73-787	Playgrounds & Playfields .....		1,175.50
AA-73-788	Fort Smallwood		
	01 Concessions .....	\$ 4,058.24	
	03 Parking .....	24,480.75	28,538.99
AA-73-789	Zoo (Adult) .....		6,593.84
AA-73-790	Children's Zoo		
	01 Admissions .....	38,792.28	
	02 Miniature Railway .....	8,436.06	
	03 Carousel .....	3,645.90	50,874.24
AA-73-791	Parks Miscellaneous Revenue .....		31,047.68
AA-85-875	Municipal Stadium		
	01 Baseball Rental .....	177,898.19	
	02 Baseball Concessions .....	122,545.92	
	03 Football Rental .....	157,600.61	
	04 Football Concessions .....	31,111.30	
	05 Other Rentals .....	10,459.80	
	06 Other Concessions .....	5,901.35	
	07 Telephone Commission .....	1,821.30	
	08 Advertising Commissions .....	43,525.00	
	09 Sale of Electricity .....	21,433.99	
	10 Parking Concessions .....	49,987.88	
	12 Soccer Revenue .....	6,769.37	629,054.71
TOTAL REVENUE			<u>\$1,767,518.86</u>

## BUREAU OF RECREATION

JOHN G. WILLIAMS, *Superintendent*

ALFRED L. COTTRILL, *Assistant Superintendent*

This past year the Bureau of Recreation has generated a tremendous building program as described in other sections of this report. Some structures have been built, but brick and mortar are only a part of the story. Entering into our twenty-seventh year of service, the Bureau began an energetic program to improve service to the citizens of Baltimore.

The Bureau recognizes that its task will increase in importance each day as 8 out of every 10 American citizens begin to crowd into the cities. With an increased population expected to be working less hours per week, it is quite evident our role in the community to provide recreation will be of paramount concern to the welfare of each citizen.

Realizing that we are on the threshold of a great and challenging leisure age, the Bureau instituted several new programs and approaches to providing the people 100% maximum return for their recreation tax dollar. Presently, we are serving Baltimore at the average rate of 23,659 people a day or 6,175,147 a year. During the 1966-67 fiscal year we operated 67 recreation centers, 9 indoor centers, 27 year-round playgrounds, and 52 summer playgrounds. A total of 111 separate schools were used for various Bureau programs while private groups secured 169 permits



*At the groundbreaking ceremony for the John Eager Howard Playground, Councilman Walter T. Dixon and Mayor Theodore R. McKeldin are aided by two young friends as Board President, Samuel Hopkins, looks on.*

to use 53 different schools. Community groups were issued 75 permits for use in 23 Bureau buildings.

New playgrounds were dedicated at Riverside Park and Yale Heights. Easterwood Park and Hilton Recreation Center were also dedicated during the past year. Ground breaking ceremonies for a future playground and recreation center took place at the site of the proposed John Eager Howard Recreation Center.

In an effort to bolster the present staff and become more competitive with other recreation departments for the best qualified personnel, the Bureau established a new recruitment and training program to attract and maintain recreation leaders. The Bureau's staff consists of 318 full-time and over 800 part-time personnel.

During the past year, the Bureau added six Vista Volunteers to the staff, and four Recreation Interns who are college graduates with degrees in Recreation, to work a year and receive exposure at the administrative and field levels.

The Bureau office established a full-time position for recruitment. The primary purpose of the position is designed to recruit and train the best possible recreation leaders. The organization arrangement of the Bureau was also altered to take more of an advantage of personnel skills that exist within the Bureau. L. C. Nixon was appointed to one of the newly created Unit Director positions, and Donald Millard filled Nixon's former position as District Supervisor. Fred Crosby, Commissioner of Amateur Sports, retired in April after 40 distinguished years of service. Fred "Dutch" Leidig assumed the Commissioner's position, and Theodore Toulan was named to assist him.

The improvement of service is a constant goal of the Bureau, and to increase understanding and find better and more efficient ways of carrying out the program, several committees were organized to study equipment, facilities, snow emergency plan, payroll procedures, in-service training, effectiveness of the Maryland Park and Recreation Society on the Bureau of Recreation, and increasing cooperation with schools. The results from the committee investigations proved to be most helpful.

The regular 30-week In-Service Program presented a varied and educational series of courses including basic orientation classes for new and inexperienced leaders, public speaking, officiating sports and games, staff development, and impact of Federal programs.

Highlights of the training school season were two meetings involving nationally known recreators who presented inspirational and valuable talks. These speakers were: Dr. Janet MacLean, professor of Recreation and Park Administration, Indiana University; and Dr. Harold Meyer, Professor at the University of North Carolina.

Involvement in community life is another important function of the Bureau, and various representatives from allied city agencies participated at In-Service sessions during the year. Outstanding programs were presented by Major William Harris, Director of Community Relations, Police Department; Mrs. Richard Nast, Chairman of the Maryland Committee on Educational Television; and Mr. Clyde Nitz, Cycling Manager, Maryland Commission on Physical Fitness.

Many members of the Bureau staff participated in the 16th Annual Governor's Conference on Recreation and Parks held in Wheaton, May 15-17, and at a Maryland Recreation and Park Society workshop on Leadership and Communications in Baltimore during March.

The Bureau, in an effort to utilize its personnel to the fullest extent, is establishing a method of deployment of staff to solve this problem. A Primary Center-Satellite program was initiated whereby a major center will have four or five centers subordinate to it. The Primary Center will have a Senior Center Director in charge who will oversee the program and assign and shift staff as the program requires.



Photo by the Baltimore News-American

*John G. Williams, Superintendent of Recreation, receives the Mayor's Recreation Week proclamation from two members of Dewees Playfield, who ran from City Hall to Recreation Headquarters.*

## SPECIAL PROGRAM HIGHLIGHTS

### *Children's Activities*

Special city-wide programs were held to celebrate St. Valentine's Day, Lincoln's and Washington's birthdays and Christmas. Easter Monday brought thousands of youngsters to the playgrounds and recreation centers with egg hunts, egg rolls, hat shows, and games and parties planned for them.

Top Spinning and Kite Flying Contests were held during the spring season. City-wide Hopscotch Contests were conducted during October, and Jackstones Contests were conducted in August.

Hollins Recreation Center solved a continuous problem of discarded bottles that clutter the streets and alleys. A crafts project was begun to rid the area by crushing the bottles, placing them in a kiln, and turning out mosaic art in the form of ash trays, lamps, and other objects for the home.

The Bureau joined a nationwide program in an attempt to decrease bicycle accidents which kill and injure many in Balti-



Photo by the Baltimore News-American

*Novelty events were held to celebrate the opening of Recreation Week in Baltimore.*

more each year. Bicycle Safety Week was proclaimed the last week of April by Mayor Theodore R. McKeldin. Bike Safety programs were planned for the various Bureau facilities and included Bike Rodeos, inspection programs, parades, safety films, contests, obstacle courses, best dressed riders and decorated bikes, safety demonstrations, and safety programs with guest speakers. The week was sponsored by the National Youth Activities Committee of the Veterans of Foreign Wars.

The Bureau conducted eight-week day camps during the summer at Hamilton, Gardenville, Hanlon, Cahill, and Easterwood.

Model boat regattas were held during the second week of August at 12 centers that have wading pools. Entries included sail boats, tugs, fishing vessels, schooners, barges, and speed boats with certificates presented to the winners. Madison Square Center initiated a rod and reel demonstration night, each week, to teach young people in inner-city how to fish.



*State Marble Champ,  
Bernard Richardson,  
representing Mount  
Royal Recreation  
Center.*

Photo by  
the Baltimore News-American

Chess, Safety Clubs, Clean-up Clubs, Special Events (Red Letter Days) continued to be a success during the past year. The annual marble tournament was held in May with 13 year old Bernard Richardson, representing the Bureau and Mount Royal Center, going to Wildwood, New Jersey, for the National Championships in June.

The unique but customary traveling play-leader program again was in operation in many of Baltimore's inner-city neighborhoods. The areas that the leaders visit are not served by a large year-round center or summer playground. Several leaders visited vacant city-owned lots and sidewalks to conduct recreation activities.

The first annual Mayor's Frog Hop Contest was held in May at Patterson Park, and the winning frog, "Ridge Road", was supposed to represent Mayor McKeldin in Calaveras County, California, for the international championship. He was declared a toad and a substitute was entered in his place. "Ridge Road" now resides in regal retirement at the Children's Zoo.

Over 200 young Twisters participated in the Twister Contest Finals in May at the War Memorial Plaza. The new game created a lot of excitement and fun at over 80 recreation centers. Elimination contests were held prior to the finals.





Photo by the Baltimore News-American

*Senior Citizens enjoy a four day vacation at Camp Carefree.*

### *Senior Citizens*

The provisions of leisure opportunities for older people has been amply facilitated this past year by the Bureau. The number of clubs has increased to 35 including two full-time senior centers and most of the clubs now operate more than one day a week.

Recreation includes painting, ceramics, arts and crafts, bowling, parties, trips, and educational and community service projects. For the first time, a four-day summer camp program was offered for 200 Senior Citizens. Other city-wide activities included a two-day hobby show, a boat ride to Annapolis, and a trip to Chesapeake Beach.

### *Girls' and Women's Activities*

The first girls' table tennis tournament was held this year on March 30. Thirty-three girls, representing 15 recreation centers, took part in the tournament which was held at Lions Club Recreation Center.

The Annual Culminating Program, "A Dancer's Dream", was held at Polytechnic Institute in April. Twenty-nine recreation



Photo by the Baltimore News-American

*The last few steps are all desire for this group of girls in the 40-yard dash at the 52nd Annual Junior Municipal Games.*

centers participated, with totals of 438 participants and 1,840 spectators.

Tennis instruction was given a boost through the cooperation of the News-American newspaper. Thirteen centers operated 21 classes with special tennis instructors, with approximately 400 children and adults participating. The Maryland Junior Tennis Tournament was held in June with a total of 183 boys and girls participating.

Twenty-nine centers gave instruction in tap and ballet with recitals held the first two weeks in May. Other programs included classes in physical fitness, baton twirling, rope jumping, cooking, and all forms of dance.

#### *Boys' and Men's Activities*

The 52nd Junior Municipal Games was held at Clifton Park, June 23. The 1967 meet had the added significance as it was the qualifying meet for the First Annual United States Youth Games

to be held in New York. A total of 1102 boys and girls participated in the meet that attracted numerous recreation centers throughout the entire state of Maryland.

The Bureau provided leadership for the 44th Annual Parochial School Track and Field Games held May 5. Over 4000 boys and girls participated in the meet.

The Bureau expanded its weight training program to include pre-teens and young adults. The pre-teens participated in the Third Annual Novice Championships at Madison Square Recreation Center. Young adults participated both in the novice meet and the Third Annual Championship meet at Chick Webb Recreation Center in February. The Second Annual Power Lift meet was held at Harlem Park in December. Events consisted of Squat Lift and Bench Press.

Seventy-five hundred boys and girls participated in the Bureau's Annual Fourth of July programs held at 97 recreation centers and playgrounds. There were activities for the youngest child to the Senior Citizen.

Five Pentathlon Track and Field meets were held throughout the city in late July and early August. Participating from 83 recreation centers and playgrounds were 697 boys and girls between the ages of 9 and 17 years.

The Boys' and Men's Recreation Center Division conducted a variety of local and district seasonal sports leagues for various age groups at most of the Bureau's facilities during the past year.

Included among the sports held in the various leagues were basketball, indoor floor hockey, box soccer, roller skate hockey, flag football, touch football, volleyball, table tennis, softball, stickball, and wrestling.

During March, thirty-two basketball teams in three age-groups participated in the first McCulloh Invitational Basketball Tournament held at P. S. No. 130. This tournament has done much to stimulate interest in city basketball competition.

### *Drama*

Participation in dramatic classes and groups shows a steady increase. Several one-act plays were presented at various centers as part of programs at Thanksgiving, Christmas, Easter, and in the spring and summer.

Through a contract with the Children's Theatre Association, an extensive drama program was launched. This included: (1) a course for leaders in Creative Dramatics given by Mrs. Isabel Burger, also follow-up observation at selected centers; (2) a stagecraft workshop for leaders conducted by Donald Bailey; (3) three Children's Theatre performances at City College, Southern High,

and Lemmel Junior High, which were attended by approximately 3,000 children, and (4) five performances of the Showmobile at various recreation centers.

Children from Towanda Playfield and Roosevelt Park Recreation Center acted as audience when a T.V. program of the Showmobile was filmed at WJZ-TV in the summer.

The Bureau was also represented on the Easter Sunrise Service Committee and several children from Towanda Playfield took part in the pageant.

### *Music*

Programs were conducted for all ages, from young children to senior citizens. Fifteen music specialists conducted activities in 56 playgrounds and centers in the summer of 1966; 50 centers in the winter and spring; and 71 centers and playgrounds in the summer of 1967. Activities included group singing, rhythm band, music appreciation, physical interpretation of music, teen singing groups, combos, song flute, ukelele and autoharp instruction, and talent and variety shows by all ages, including senior citizens.

The Chick Webb Band played for assemblies of summer enrichment classes at Dunbar High School and Lombard Junior High School.

"At the Fiesta", a production combining acting, singing, and dancing, was presented on May 21, 1967 at the Fort Worthington Recreation Center. A "Battle of the Bands" was held at Patterson Park Pavilion on St. Patrick's Day.

Representative programs by Golden Age Clubs included performances at the City Hospitals by O'Donnell Heights Golden Age Club, and performances by the South Baltimore Golden Age Group at several places, including the South Baltimore Recreation Center and as a feature of the Senior Citizens' Hobby Show, held at Patterson Park on May 25, 1967.

Teen music activities included choral singing, folk singing, bands, combos, music appreciation, jazz programs. A music specialist worked with instrumentalists and combos in several centers.

Most centers put on at least one or two special programs involving music at Christmas, Easter, or as part of dance recitals or spring and summer culminating activities. Many groups also entertained at tenant meetings in housing projects and at mother and daughter banquets, family nights, and talent and variety shows.

The Bureau also gave support to the Sing Out Baltimore branch of the international Sing Out Movement.

### *Handicapped Program*

The Handicapped people of Baltimore have responded in large numbers to the programs offered them by the Bureau of Recreation. The Physically Handicapped, Mentally Handicapped, and the Brain Damaged Children are enjoying planned recreation, learning new skills and gaining greater confidence through achievement. Blind and handicapped adults, as well, as Mentally Disturbed Veterans, have progressed in sculpture, painting, and other art classes, and exhibited quite successfully in the Druid Hill Park Art Festival of 1967. Handicapped Veterans are also enjoying group meetings and Open Lounge Programs and two socials each month in which they play host to Spring Grove Patients. Handicapped boys in the poverty areas of the city are learning athletic skills, arts and crafts, and swimming. Programs for blind adults are held in conjunction with the Maryland Workshop for the Blind: they include dinners, discussion groups, model airplane building, and choral singing. A public concert is planned for this coming fall.

### *Nature and Gardening*

Nature and science programs for children were interesting and varied during the fall and winter. Groups at centers were concerned with games, crafts and study about animals, weather and space. A space study program at Gardenville was concerned with experiments illustrating force and outer space reactions.

Westport Recreation Center children made butter and cream. During the program, the children learned the necessity to pasteurize milk and what happens when milk is homogenized.

The Nature and Gardening Supervisor provided leaders with decoration ideas for the Christmas season with a "Greens" demonstration at In-Service Training.

A Flower Arrangement Workshop was held at one center and proved to be successful. A fall gardening workshop was again presented at Cylburn Park for the public and discussions were centered around care of perennials, lawns, and shrubs. The spring workshop at Cylburn Park featured seed sowing and care of the summer garden.

The Sunday afternoon Nature Lore Walks continued to be popular. They were held five times in the fall and five times during the spring at different city parks. They proved to be most enjoyable for business people and youth who had an opportunity to learn the names of trees, flowers, and shrubs.

During the spring vacation week, the first of yearly Nature Displays was exhibited at the Bureau office. There were 17 centers participating. The exhibits which the children displayed resulted from their nature studies and craft endeavors through the winter.

The 1967 Keep Maryland Beautiful poster contest again proved successful. There were 39 centers participating, submitting 272 posters.

A visit of the Traveling Nature exhibit station wagon was a successful program for children at 8 centers in August, 1966 and June, 1967. The excitement and pleasure of the young people playing a bird-identifier game, reading charts, and feeling the various animals on display was a rewarding experience for them.

### *Volunteer Corps*

The Bureau of Recreation Volunteer Corps experienced growth in both quality and total hours of service during the past year. Many volunteers assumed greater responsibility for many activities as a result of training at the center level, thus allowing for more diversified program service to the general community.

Sixty-two Recreation Centers involved 1,799 Junior Volunteers and 412 Senior Volunteers in their programs, and together they accumulated a total of 173,770 hours of service. This total represented an increase of 38,094 hours as compared with last year and was the equivalent of 91 full-time recreation leaders.

At the 8th Annual Awards Banquet held at the Sheraton Belvedere Hotel, 638 Volunteers were awarded certificates and pins by Mr. Samuel Hopkins, President of the Recreation and Park Board.

### *Division of Amateur Sports*

During the 1966-67 fiscal year, 4174 players representing 425 teams in 85 leagues participated in basketball. The city-wide champions were Carlings, Unlimited division; St. Francis Xavier, Intermediate division; Cleveland Stars, Junior division; Salvation Army, Midget division; and Immaculate Heart Mary, Cub division.

There were 2,047 players that participated on 92 teams in 19 soccer leagues sponsored by the Bureau. The city-wide champions were Bucky Helms, Unlimited division; Sherry's Inn, Intermediate division; Little Flower, Junior division; Saints, Midget division; St. Elizabeth, Cub division; and St. Jane France, Junior Cub division.

During the softball season, 5,884 players performed on 405 teams in 66 leagues. The city champions were Mack's Senators, Unlimited AA; Westinghouse, Unlimited A; Sherry's Inn, Intermediate division; and Morrell Park, Junior division.

Fitzberger All Stars in the Unlimited division captured the baseball title. A total of 696 teams composed of 10,603 players played baseball in the Bureau Amateur Sports program. Other champions were Leones, 16-19 division; Highland Lanes, 12-14 division; Salvation Army, 12-14 division; Towson Pirates, 10-12 division; and Orioles, 8-10 division.

The Maryland State Junior Tennis Championship sponsored by the Bureau of Recreation had a total of 351 participants. The Evening Sun Municipal Tennis Tournament had 404 participants. The Mixed Doubles champions were Jean Baker and Russell Tontz; Men's Singles, Nick Makarenko; Men's Doubles, Russell Tontz and Ken Volk; Men's Consolations, Doug Moore; Women's Singles, Carol Wendell; Women's Doubles, Mrs. Franklin Knipp and Mrs. Leon Parks; and Women's Consolations, Joyce Furhman.

During the 1966 football season, 2,025 players participated on 100 teams in 16 leagues. The champions were the Poets, Unlimited (flag) division; Rams, Unlimited (225 lb.); Wilson Point, 16-19 division; Mt. Olive, 14-16 division; Govans, 12-14 (125 lb.); and 10-12, Western Police.

The girls' and women's basketball season produced 1,526 players on 109 teams in 20 leagues, and 1,100 players on 71 teams in 14 leagues for softball.

### *Street Club Service*

This program is based on a deep conviction that professional group work service is a positive discipline in the prevention of juvenile delinquency and in healthy development of youth. Such service provides an opportunity for young people living in high-hazard neighborhoods to share a constructive experience in small groups. Many group programs are organized with the cooperation of other agencies, but always as an outgrowth of the interests of the youth.

#### *Direct Services:*

The Street Club Service is designed to provide workers to help groups of delinquent youth re-direct their energies from anti-social to non-destructive behavior; utilize a multitude of social services in the area of employment, education, health needs; provide recreation services only when these cannot be provided by a recreation center; in some cases, services to the adolescent can be provided through a joint endeavor of the Street Club Workers, CAA and recreation personnel; help young people and their families to develop the capacity for responsibility in community participation and citizenship; reach out to troubled teenagers and their families, to prevent and control outbreaks of delinquent behavior; conduct surveys and demonstrations to develop new ways to aid those in need of service, and to determine the kinds of action needed to resolve and avert neighborhood problems.

At present, 27 Street Club Workers are operating throughout the Metropolitan area, with the majority of services being concentrated within the Action Area. Workers are assigned according to areas of greatest need where troublesome youth are known to congregate. With the youth of these areas, workers plan and

execute constructive activities or make referrals to other agencies where needs of the group or group members indicate that help from other sources would be useful. Administratively, there are two supervisors, one senior Street Club Worker and a Director responsible for the overall operation of the program. Additional consultation and direction is gained through the Technical Advisory Committee connected to Street Club Service.

The average age for a Street Club youth is 16, with the majority of youth served being between 14 and 18. More males receive service than females because of their tendency to cluster more and to get into more difficulty.

The average size of a Street Club group is between 15 and 20 members. Each worker can serve two such groups. Workers generally cannot serve effectively more than three groups with a maximum total membership of 35-40 youths.

In many cases, workers serve as liaison person between the youth and other agencies in the community. Referrals are made to job training and employment agencies, medical resources who can help with various physical and mental problems, tutoring services, Welfare Department, Armed Services, and other agencies designed to help the youth. In many cases, youth do not know about these services or are hesitant about using them, and are aided in doing so by the worker. Where youths are already known to agencies, workers maintain contact with the agency to coordinate services to the youth. Contact with recreation centers, probation officers, the courts, jails, schools, and other institutions are made by the worker to aid the youth in meeting various problems he confronts in the community.

Throughout the year, the workers collectively served on the average of 42 groups per month and 744 individuals. In December, 1966, 50 groups were being served or 1,443 individuals. Particular emphasis was placed on home contacts and coordination with other services in order to meet the individual needs.

The real essence of Street Club Service is the relationship between the worker and his youth. The workers are known to the neighborhood and to the parents of the youth within the context of concerned interested persons who are readily available to help with the problems of youth. However, greater efforts are needed to see that youth have opportunities for new experiences as well as feeling increasingly a part of the broader community.

In this brief description of the activities of the Bureau of Recreation, one cannot evaluate the total good accomplished. The true benefits can be demonstrated to each citizen if he will avail himself of the many facilities and services sponsored by the Bureau of Recreation.



**BUREAU OF RECREATION**  
**Financial Statement for the Year Ended June 30, 1967**

	Appropriation	Charges	Unencumbered Balance
<b>01—General Fund</b>			
480 Recreational Services			
01 Administration .....	\$57,494.00	\$78,285.24	(\$20,791.24)
02 Central Office & Store- room Services .....	146,406.00	139,542.05	6,863.95
03 Municipal Sports— Leagues .....	101,643.00	104,530.10	(2,887.10)
04 Street Clubs for Problem Youth .....	80,142.00	61,380.88	18,761.12
05 Recreation Centers .....	1,469,067.00	1,492,342.00	(23,275.00)
06 Recreation for Handi- capped .....	19,032.00	20,111.91	(1,079.91)
07 Senior Citizens Activities	23,947.00	21,607.00	2,340.00
08 Traveling Play Leaders....	13,838.00	4,608.96	9,229.04
09 Swimming Instruction .....	6,400.00	17,313.09	(10,913.09)
10 Music Group Participation	25,429.00	23,030.00	2,399.00
11 Dramatics .....	6,048.00	3,503.09	2,544.91
12 Dancing .....	17,133.00	9,678.06	7,454.94
13 Arts and Crafts .....	30,481.00	25,026.51	5,454.49
14 Nature and Gardening ...	20,248.00	13,875.32	6,372.68
15 Physical Fitness .....	16,210.00	14,518.21	1,691.79
16 Playgrounds .....	447,121.00	416,735.95	30,385.05
Total .....	<u>\$2,480,639.00</u>	<u>\$2,446,088.37</u>	<u>\$34,550.63</u>
Balance to Other Programs .....	(34,531.61)		(34,531.61)
Balance to Surplus .....	(19.02)		(19.02)
Total 01 General Fund ...	<u>\$2,446,088.37</u>	<u>\$2,446,088.37</u>	<u>\$0.00</u>
<b>02—Special Revenue Fund Appropriation</b>			
480 Recreation Services			
01-16 Recreation Services .....	\$182,382.00		
02 Central Office & Store- room Services .....		\$8,734.30	
03 Municipal Sports— Leagues .....		20,037.23	
04 Street Clubs for Problem Youth .....		561.12	
05 Recreation Centers ...		86,378.95	
06 Recreation for Handi- capped .....		746.17	
07 Senior Citizens Activities .....		3,668.72	
08 Traveling Play Leaders		3.00	
09 Swimming Instruction..		2,685.11	
11 Dramatics .....		3.80	
12 Dancing .....		14,765.59	
13 Arts and Crafts .....		2,307.19	
14 Nature and Gardening..		304.39	
15 Physical Fitness .....		2,144.92	
16 Playgrounds .....		6,251.17	\$33,790.34
Total .....	<u>\$182,382.00</u>	<u>\$148,591.66</u>	<u>\$33,790.34</u>
Balance to Revenue.....	(33,790.34)		(\$33,790.34)
Total 02 Special Revenue Fund .....	<u>\$148,591.66</u>	<u>\$148,591.66</u>	<u>\$0.00</u>

	Appropriation	Charges	Unencumbered Balance
<b>Capital Improvements</b>			
11 Capital Improvements—General Fund .....	\$17,997.00		\$17,997.00
12 Capital Improvements—Special Revenue Fund—M & C.C. Real Property Account .....	9,287.00	\$9,287.00	\$0.76
22 Recreation Serials .....	2,708.76	2,708.00	
59 Recreation and Parks Building Serial 1962-1976 .....	59,414.85	22,600.59	36,814.26
62 Recreation and Parks Building Serial 1964-1978 .....	1,413.68	1,413.00	.68
64 4th Recreation Serial 1965-1979	614,850.47	590,780.79	24,069.68
65 5th Recreation Serial 1966-1968..	49,480.45	49,480.48	(.03)
66 6th Recreation Serial 1970-1979..	1,213,929.77	743,591.82	470,337.95
Total .....	\$1,969,081.98	\$1,419,861.68	\$549,220.30
Balance Forwarded to 1967-1968	(549,220.30)		(549,220.30)
Total Capital Improvements .....	\$1,419,861.68	\$1,419,861.68	\$0.00
Grand Total—Bureau of Recreation	\$4,014,541.71	\$4,014,541.71	\$0.00

## BUREAU OF MUSIC

MISS STEPHANIE SODARO, *Music and Administrative Supervisor*

Since the primary concern of this Bureau is the presentation of Band Concerts during the Summer months and the new fiscal year began July 1st, 1966, this report will encompass the 36 concerts played after June 30th, 1966, and the 13 concerts scheduled during the 1967 season up until June 30th, 1967.

Mr. J. Irving Gray who enjoyed 6 successful seasons as Superintendent of Music was promoted August 6, 1966 to the position of Executive Secretary to the Board of Recreation and Parks. Mr. Gray concluded the 1966 series of concerts.

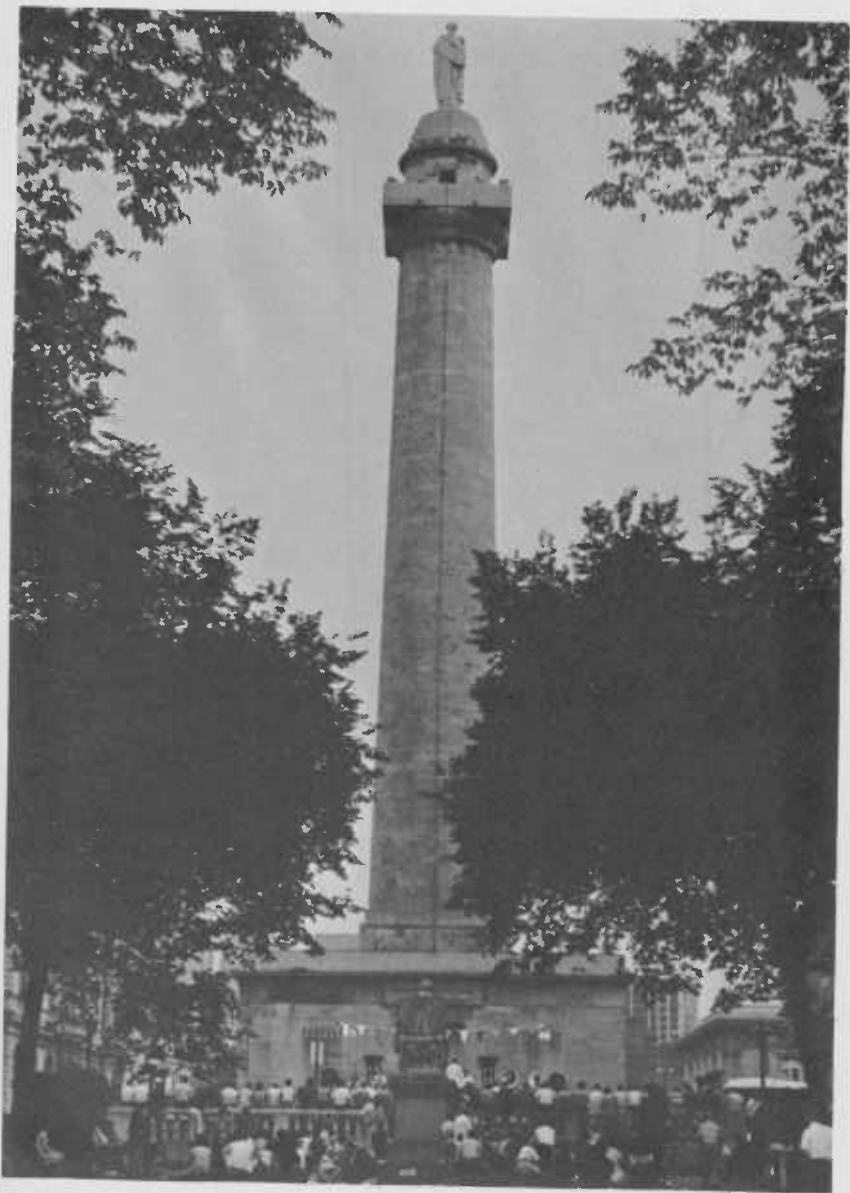
Preparations for the 1967 series began January 23, 1967 with the appointment of the new Music and Administrative Supervisor.

### ABOUT THE CONDUCTORS

Plans for the season, which now totals 59 concerts and 2 Festivals of Music began with the hiring of 4 conductors, all accomplished and experienced musicians.

Dr. Leigh Martinet of the Baltimore Symphony Orchestra, well known to Baltimore audiences for his many appearances as Conductor of the Baltimore Civic Opera Company, was rehired as Conductor of the Municipal Concert Band for the 9th year. Dr. Martinet received the degree of Doctor of Musical Arts in 1966 from the Peabody Conservatory of Music.

Mr. Weldon J. Irvine, Sr., Music Specialist with the Bureau of Recreation, was hired again for the 9th year as Conductor of the Baltimore Municipal Band.



*A favorite location for many years has been Mt. Vernon Square. Traffic is re-routed and the audience invariably overflows the seating, provided.*

Mr. Gerald Eyth, well known composer, former Assistant Concert Master of the Baltimore Symphony Orchestra, and currently on the faculty of the Peabody Conservatory of Music, this season will begin his 19th year as Conductor of the Park Concert Band.

Mr. Charles E. Gwynn, Sr., leader of his own dance orchestra, and treasurer of the Musicians' Union, this season will celebrate his 20th anniversary as Conductor of the Baltimore Park Band. Mr. Gwynn will be honored by Mayor McKeldin and presented with a commemorative plaque by the Bureau of Music.

In the extensive planning which preceded the 1967 season, the Bureau honored many requests for concerts which were received from interested neighborhoods and organizations, and 7 completely new locations were introduced into the schedule.

Concerts are held each night of the week except Saturdays, but including Sundays and Holidays, during June, July and August.

Each band, composed of 34 professional musicians and Conductor, plays a flexible program of popular classics and semi-classics, music from Broadway shows and motion pictures.

One of the most popular features in the program is the "Sing Along". Encouraged by the engaging personalities of Song Leaders, Mr. Marvin Clark and Mr. Matthew Fraling, audiences accompanied by the band and fortified with Song Sheets, sing old favorites and currently popular songs like "Mame", "Pass Me By" and "Born Free". For the additional pleasure of the audience, professional vocal soloists perform nightly with each band.

Because of an intensified program of publicity sent twice weekly to all newspapers, TV and radio stations, our attendance at concerts thus far in the season has increased by 25% over 1966. More than 100,000 people came out on summer evenings between July 1, 1966 and June 30, 1967 to enjoy our Concert Bands.

During the 1967 season, in order to further improve our appearance and the conditions under which the musicians play, an all new extensive lighting system was planned in cooperation with the Baltimore Gas and Electric Company and technically executed and installed by our Construction Division, Bureau of Parks.

#### WENGER SHOWMOBILE

Through an appropriation placed in the Bureau of Music's Budget and approved by the Board of Estimates and City Council, we will be able to purchase a Wenger Showmobile after many years of waiting. This 32 ft. mobile acoustical shell and outdoor stage will arrive in time to be put to use this season.

Baltimore City's first Showmobile will be carefully engineered and equipped with hydraulic canopy lift, fluorescent lighting,



*One of the best attended concerts is Reisterstown Road Plaza. Well over 2,500 persons were entertained each time the band visited this location.*

public address system, electric generator, backstage doors and stairways. The interior is an acoustical shell, and the exterior is weather proof aluminum. The Showmobile not only will improve the physical appearance of our concert series, but also its mobility will allow us to entertain the idea of expansion of our summer program next year.

Also approved in the budget this year is an appropriation for 8 additional concerts which gives us opportunity to visit new locations and repeat those where previously we had been most enthusiastically received.

#### FESTIVALS OF MUSIC

The Summer Musical Season was twice highlighted during the 1966 season by the scheduling of 2 Festivals of Music at Baltimore Memorial Stadium. Again during this 1967 season, the 70 musicians of the combined Municipal and Park Concert Bands, conducted by Dr. Leigh Martinet, will present a varied



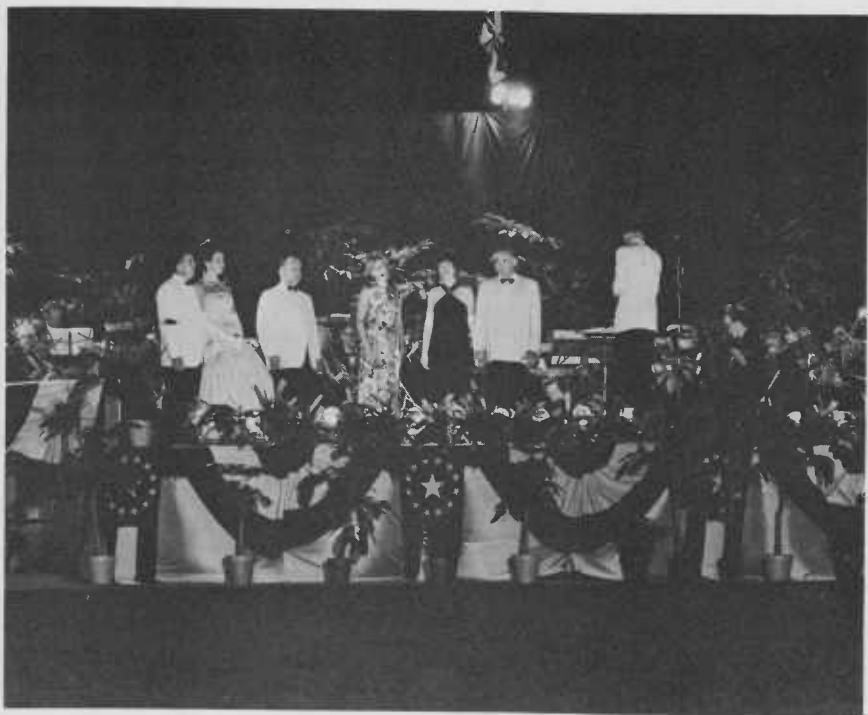
*Here the Wenger Showmobile is shown in use for the first time at Baltimore Jr. College. In attendance at the concert to celebrate the occasion were members of the City Council and the Board of Recreation and Parks.*

program at the 1st Festival of Music, featuring instrumental solos, 5 outstanding vocal artists, and the popular "Sing Along". It is expected that over 6,000 people will attend each Festival of Music this season, and it is hoped that weather conditions both nights will be ideal.

For the first time in our history, the Bureau of Music will collaborate in 1967 with the full troupe of the Baltimore City Ballet Company in presenting two dance sequences at the second Festival of Music.

Mr. Gerald Eyth, conducting the combined bands, is planning extensively with choreographer Danny Diamond, star of the Baltimore City Ballet Company.

It is expected that sequences from Debussy and a medley of Strauss waltzes, complete with story line and performed in full, colorful costume, will evoke an enthusiastic response from an audience of both lovers of music and the ballet.



*During the Grand Finale at the Festival of Music the professional soloists combined their talents in a medley of favorites from the "Sound of Music."*

#### **BALTIMORE SYMPHONY ORCHESTRA**

The City of Baltimore continued its partial support of the Baltimore Symphony Orchestra through the budget of the Bureau of Music. The City's contribution makes possible the series of Saturday night concerts, and those given in the public schools.

#### **LOOKING TO THE FUTURE**

In looking forward to next season's series of concerts staged on the Wenger Showmobile, plans are being made for variations in our type of programming.

In addition to our regular concerts, we hope to present a series of Dixie-land Jazz Concerts. Also under consideration are concert versions of popular Broadway shows, complete with narration for continuity of story and the proper number of soloists required for the particular show.

#### **LAURELS**

The Bureau of Music acknowledges with thanks the splendid cooperation given by its Chief of Operations, Joseph L. Esworthy;

Sound Engineer, Bernard Goins, and the members of the field crew. Their sincere interest in making our program the best possible is evident.

Grateful appreciation is extended to the various radio and television stations, as well as to the newspapers whose music critics and special feature writers continue to give us such fine support. Special thanks are directed to Mr. Francis Rackemann of The Evening Sun, who gave the Bureau of Music unprecedented coverage. To His Honor, Mayor Theodore R. McKeldin, Honorable Thomas J. D'Alesandro, III, and the members of the City Council, goes a special vote of thanks for their generosity in allowing the appropriation for the Wenger Showmobile and 8 extra concerts to remain in our fiscal 1968 budget.

We would like to extend our appreciation too, to the Police Commissioner and members of his Department for their important role in helping to make our concert season pass so smoothly.

The schedules and financial report of the Bureau of Music for this period follows:

**1966 SCHEDULE CONCERT BANDS  
FROM JULY 1, 1966**

<b>Week-Day Concerts 8:00 to 10:00 P.M.</b>			<b>Park Concert Band Gerald Eyth, Conductor</b>
Friday,	July 1	Patriotic Concert	Northwood Shopping Center Havenwood Road & Loch Raven Blvd.
Monday,	July 4	Patriotic Concert	Irvin Luckman Memorial Play- ground Glen and Key Avenues
Tuesday,	July 5	Patriotic Concert	Patterson Park
Wednesday,	July 6	Patriotic Concert	Bay-Brook Park-Sixth St., Brooklyn
Thursday,	July 7	Patriotic Concert	Mt. Vernon Place
Friday,	July 8		Open Date—Rehearsal
Monday,	July 11	Festival of Music	Baltimore Memorial Stadium

**JULY**

<b>Week-Day Concerts 8:00 to 10:00 P.M.</b>		<b>Municipal Concert Band Leigh Martinet, Conductor</b>
Tuesday,	July 12	Patterson Park
Wednesday,	July 13	Dell—Charles & 31st Streets
Thursday,	July 14	Mt. Vernon Place
Friday,	July 15	Erdman Shopping Center 4000 Block Erdman Avenue
Monday,	July 18	Reisterstown Plaza 6500 Block Reisterstown Road



1966 SCHEDULE CONCERT BANDS FROM JULY 1, 1966—Continued

Tuesday, July 19	Patterson Park
Wednesday, July 20	Dell—Charles & 31st Streets
Thursday, July 21	Mt. Vernon Place
Friday, July 22	Alameda Shopping Center 5600 Block The Alameda
Monday, July 25	St. Matthew's Church 5400 Loch Raven Boulevard
Tuesday, July 26	Patterson Park
Wednesday, July 27	Dell—Charles & 31st Streets
Thursday, July 28	Mt. Vernon Place
Friday, July 29	Edmondson Village

AUGUST

Monday, Aug. 1	Springdale & Hillsdale Avenues
Tuesday, Aug. 2	Bay-Brook Park—Sixth St., Brooklyn
Wednesday, Aug. 3	North Harford Playfield Berwick & Hamlet Avenues
Thursday, Aug. 4	Mt. Vernon Place
Friday, Aug. 5	Open Date—Rehearsal
Monday, Aug. 8	Festival of Music Baltimore Memorial Stadium

JULY

Druid Hill Park 3:00-5:00 P. M.	All Others 7:00-9:00 P. M.	Baltimore Park Band Charles E. Gwynn, Sr., Conductor
Sunday, July 3		West Side Shopping Center 2400 Frederick Avenue
Sunday, July 10		Druid Hill Park—Grove 10
Sunday, July 17		South Baltimore Playground Sharp and Hamburg Streets

JULY

Druid Hill Park 3:00-5:00 P. M.	All Others 7:00-9:00 P. M.	Baltimore Municipal Band Weldon J. Irvine, Sr., Conductor
Sunday, July 24		Cahill Recreation Center Clifton Avenue & Gwynns Falls Pkwy.
Sunday, July 31		Druid Hill Park—Grove 10

AUGUST

Sunday, Aug. 7	Lafayette Square
Sunday, Aug. 14	West Side Shopping Center 2400 Frederick Avenue
Sunday, Aug. 21	Union Square Hollins and Gilmor Streets
Sunday, Aug. 28	Druid Hill Park—Grove 10

1967 SCHEDULE CONCERT BANDS

JUNE

<b>Druid Hill Park</b> 3:00-5:00 P. M.	<b>All Others</b> 7:00-9:00 P. M.	<b>Baltimore Municipal Band</b> <b>Weldon J. Irvine, Conductor</b>
Sunday, June 4		Druid Hill Park—Grove 10
Sunday, June 11		Lafayette Square
Sunday, June 18		Harlem Square
Sunday, June 25		P. S. #101—Biddle & Wolfe Streets

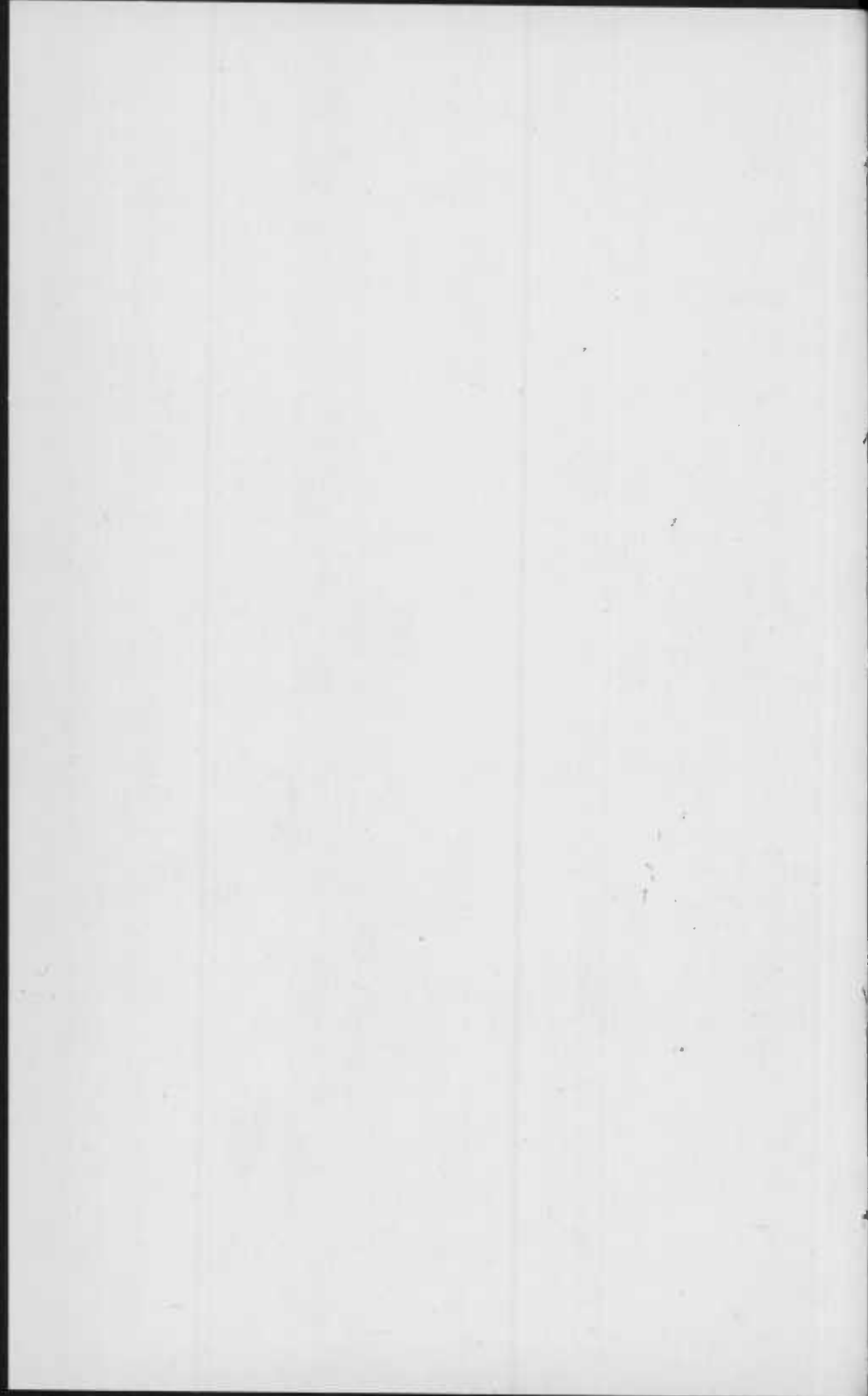
JUNE

<b>Week-Day Concerts</b> 8:00 to 10:00 P. M.	<b>Municipal Concert Band</b> <b>Leigh Martinet, Conductor</b>
Tuesday, June 20	Patterson Park
Wednesday, June 21	Dell—Charles and 31st Streets
Thursday, June 22	Mt. Vernon Place
Friday, June 23	Bocek Playground
Monday, June 26	Madison and Curley Streets
	St. Matthew's Church
	Norman and Mayfield Avenues
Tuesday, June 27	Reisterstown Plaza
	6500 Block Reisterstown Road
Wednesday, June 28	Dell—Charles & 31st Streets
Thursday, June 29	Mt. Vernon Place
Friday, June 30	Edmondson Village

BUREAU OF MUSIC

Financial Statement for the Year Ended June 30, 1967

01-General Fund	Appropriation	Charges	Unen-cumbered Balance
476 Baltimore Symphony Orchestra Contribution	\$120,000.00	\$120,000.00	.....
477 Municipal Concerts & Other Musical Events	41,939.00	33,722.05	\$8,216.95
	<u>\$161,939.00</u>	<u>\$153,722.05</u>	<u>\$8,216.95</u>
Balance to Other Programs	8,216.95		8,216.95
Total Bureau of Music	<u>\$153,722.05</u>	<u>\$153,722.05</u>	<u>\$0.00</u>





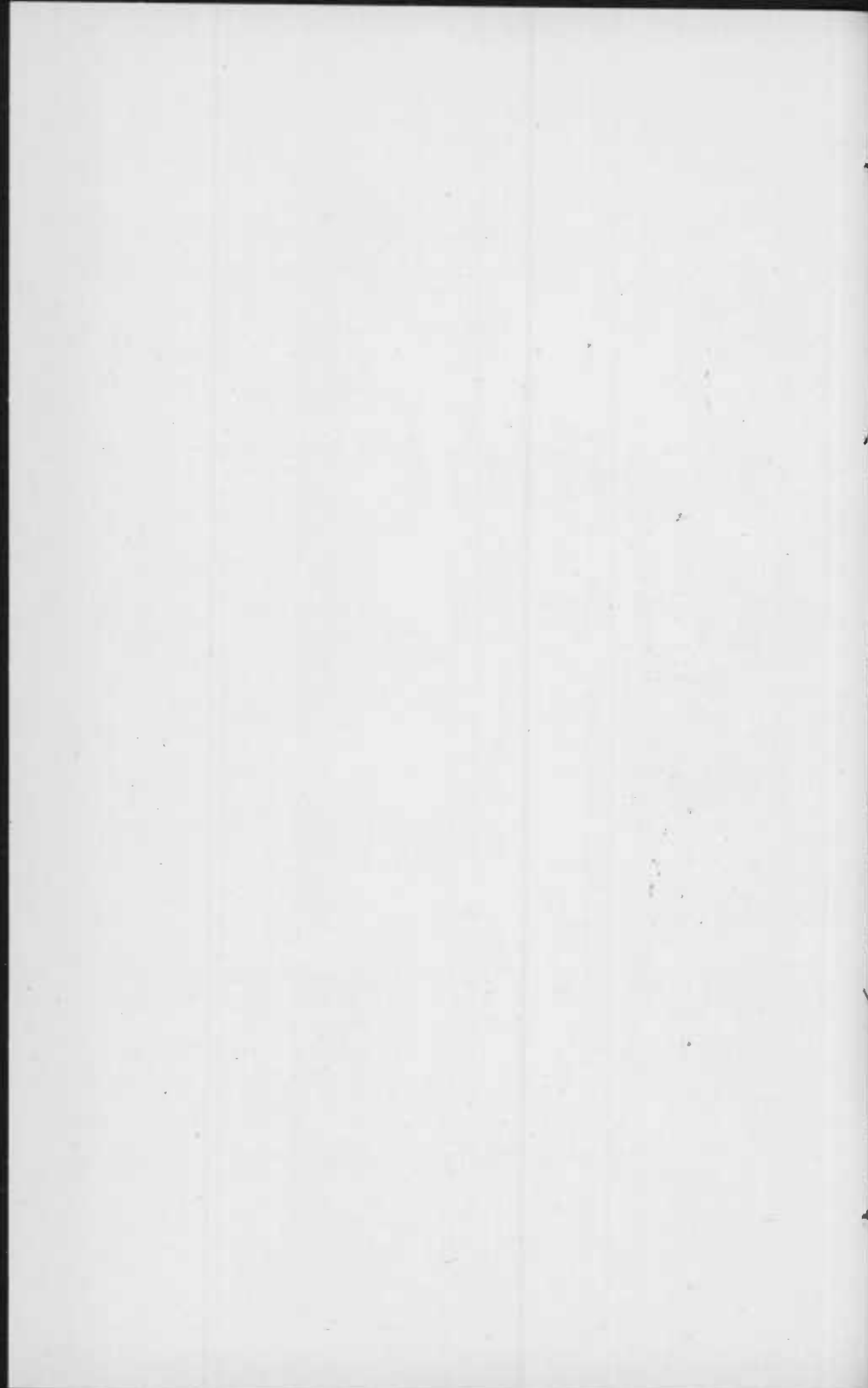
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**OF THE**

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**CITY OF BALTIMORE, MARYLAND**

**July 1, 1967 to June 30, 1968**



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DEPARTMENT OF RECREATION AND PARKS

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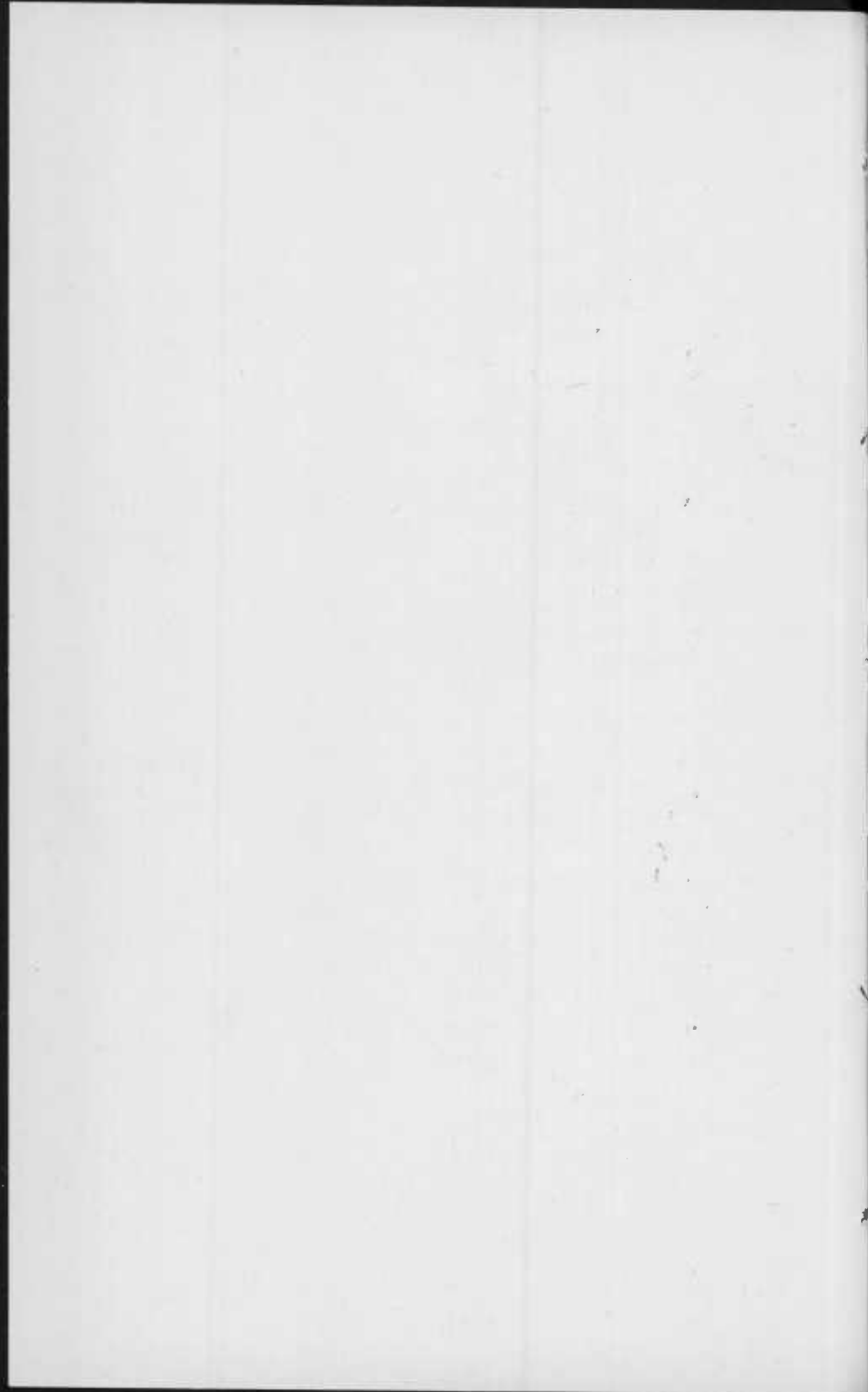
Stephanie Sodaro .....*Music and Administrative Supervisor*



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DEPARTMENT OF RECREATION AND PARKS

September 4, 1968

The Honorable Members  
Board of Recreation and Parks  
City of Baltimore, Maryland

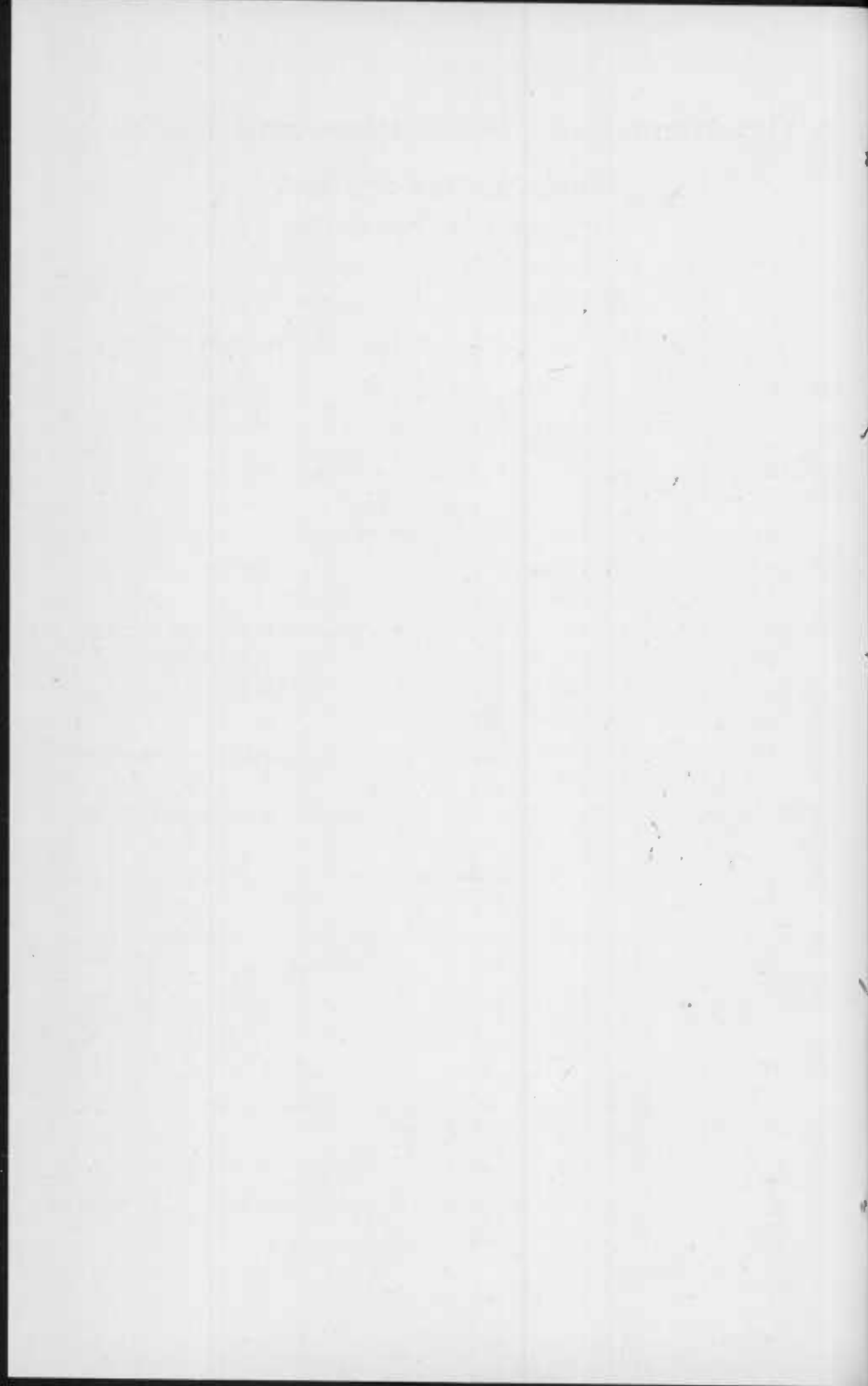
The Annual Report for the fiscal year July 1, 1967—June 30, 1968 is being presented in a completely different form this year in an attempt to reduce its cost in accordance with desires expressed at Board of Estimates meetings.

Our report is shorter since it does not contain as much detailed information. This does not mean that as much was not accomplished. On the contrary, the Department operated more and larger programs than ever before, placed into operation more facilities, and entered into contracts for many more.

To all dedicated employees of the Department, the Board of Recreation and Parks, the Board of Estimates, the City Council, and all cooperating municipal departments, we express our heartfelt thanks.

Respectfully submitted,

  
DOUGLAS S. TAWNEY,  
*Director*



# Department of Recreation and Parks

## ADMINISTRATIVE DIVISION

### ADMINISTRATION OFFICE

DOUGLAS S. TAWNEY, *Director*

J. IRVING GRAY, *Executive Secretary*

STEPHANIE SODARO, *Music and Administrative Supervisor*

## BOARD OF RECREATION AND PARKS

The Board of Recreation and Parks held eleven regular meetings during fiscal 1968, July 1, 1967 to June 30, 1968. The Real Estate Committee, along with members of the Staff, conducted ten tours of inspection.

### Board of Recreation and Parks Committees

*Budget*—Paul K. Hampshire, Chairman, Samuel Hopkins, Dr. Uthman Ray, Jr., and Joseph H. Rash

*Real Estate*—Harry D. Kaufman, Chairman, Mrs. M. Richmond Farring, and Samuel Hopkins

*Stadium*—Samuel Hopkins, Chairman, Paul K. Hampshire, Harry D. Kaufman, and Joseph H. Rash

*Zoo Promotion*—Mrs. M. Richmond Farring, Chairman, Samuel Hopkins and Mrs. Robert L. Gill

*Rule No. 46*—Mrs. Robert L. Gill, Chairman, Harry D. Kaufman and Dr. Uthman Ray, Jr.

*Board Representative to the Health and Welfare Council of the Baltimore Area*—Mrs. M. Richmond Farring

*Board Representative to the Civic Design Commission*—Mrs. Robert L. Gill

*Board Representative to the Art Commission of Baltimore*—Mrs. M. Richmond Farring

## CONTRACTS

The following contracts were entered into and executed by the Board of Recreation and Parks during fiscal 1968 :

1. Morgan State College vs. Greensboro A & T College Football Game—Stadium
2. Maryland Association for Children with Specific Learning Disabilities, Inc.—Golf
3. Match—Mt. Pleasant
4. Cub Hill Riding Academy

5. Stadium Scoreboard and Clock
6. Hamilton Post No. 20 American Legion-March of Champions—Stadium
7. Colts vs. Jets Rookies Football Game—Stadium
8. Greater Northeast Balto. Association, Inc. 4th of July Fireworks Celebration—Stadium
9. Allied Amusements—Zoo Miniature Train (Renewal)
10. Poly-City Football Game—Stadium
11. Loyola-Calvert Hall Football Game—Stadium
12. Amateur Sports Federation—Cub Baseball Day—Stadium
13. Orioles Baseball Contract (Renewal)
14. Annual Orioles Parking Lot Agreement
15. Golf Pro—Clifton Park
16. Lease of Camp Milldale—Bureau of Recreation

#### PROPERTY ACQUISITIONS AND DELETIONS

Property holdings of this Department as of June 30, 1968 totaled 5748.39 acres. During fiscal 1968, 5.59 acres were acquired, and 12.55 acres deleted.

#### *Acquired*

1. Three parcels of property north of Ellwood playground along Jefferson Street, between Potomac Street and Ellwood Avenue: .1921 acres.

2. Hopkins Plaza (Area 14 Park): Bounded on 3 sides by 125 W. Baltimore Street, Hopkins Place, and 1 South Charles St.: After completion, this park was turned over to our Department for jurisdiction and maintenance by Baltimore Urban Renewal and Housing Agency. 1.878 acres.

3. Russell Street Median Strip, from Ostend Street to a point approximately 220 feet north of Conway Street: Accepted for maintenance only from Baltimore Urban Renewal and Housing Agency. 2 acres.

4. Site for Streetcar Museum, Jones Falls Valley Park, just north of the North Avenue Bridge: transfer of a rectangular piece of property from Bureau of Highways to this Department for construction of a building to house the trolley cars of the Baltimore Streetcar Museum; purchase price, \$6,725.00. .257 acres.

5. 1604-1606 Argyle Ave.: acquired at a cost of \$7,000.00 for use as a playground. .080 acres.

6. 1110-1114 Newman Court—tax Sale Lots: turned over to this Department by the City Real Estate Officer, for conversion into a Tot Lot. .037 acres.

7. 415 W. Lafayette Ave. (1315 Druid Hill Ave.): transferred from the Comptroller's office to the jurisdiction of this

Department, for the development of a Senior Citizens Park in cooperation with the Henry Highland Garnet Neighborhood Council. .040 acres.

8. Rear of 1303-1323 Stockton Street: Owners of the properties turned over to the City, at a purchase price of \$1.00 each, the rear portion of these properties for construction of a playground. .272 acres.

9. Rutter's Mill Park—1400 Block Rutter Street: this park, under the jurisdiction of Baltimore Urban Renewal and Housing Agency has been accepted by this Department for maintenance only. .206 acres.

10. 122 N. Vincent Street Building: this building acquired for recreation purposes at a cost of \$4,000.00. Acquisition of the surrounding property will follow. .055 acres.

11. Property located opposite Gusryan St. adjacent to the Patterson Park High School campus: an even exchange of property between this Department and City Hospitals. .57 acres.

#### *Deleted*

1. Property located on the north end of the Joseph Lee Playground on Pratt St.: An even exchange of property between this Department and City Hospitals. .57 acres.

2. Parcel of land in Wyman Park: Sold to Boy Scouts of America, Inc. for \$45,000.00, to be the site of their new service center. 4.74 acres.

3. Two parcels of land in Lower Herring Run Park: Sold to Bureau of Highways for \$125,000.00 for the purpose of widening Moravia Rd. from Sinclair Lane to Pulaski Highway. 7.21 acres.

4. Property on Windsor Mill Road from Wetheredsville Rd. to Monticello Road: transferred to the jurisdiction of Bureau of Highways for \$2,630.00 for the purpose of widening Windsor Mill Rd. .03 acres.

#### CHANGES IN THE BOARD OF RECREATION AND PARKS

Mr. Joseph H. Rash was appointed by Mayor D'Alesandro as President of the Board of Recreation and Parks on February 5, 1968. Mr. Samuel Hopkins remained a member of the Board.

The Department is indebted to Mr. Hopkins, whose term as President was a distinguished one marked by outstanding accomplishments. Expansion of the Department, larger programs, with many new facilities highlighted Mr. Hopkins' term.

Mr. Harry D. Kaufman was appointed to the Board by the Mayor for a period of six years to run from January 1, 1968 to

December 31, 1973. He was sworn in to this office on January 29, 1968. Mr. Kaufman replaced Mr. Samuel Epstein, whose term had expired.

Mr. Epstein worked tirelessly and effectively as Chairman of the Real Estate Committee. The Department is grateful to him for his efforts and accomplishments in this most important area.

Dr. Uthman Ray, Jr. was appointed to the Board by the Mayor to fill the unexpired term of Mr. Charles H. Rosenbaum, who resigned. His term will run until December 31, 1969. Dr. Ray was sworn in to this office on February 14, 1968.

Mr. Rosenbaum, as Chairman of the Budget Committee, worked skillfully to insure that the Department's submitted budget carefully encompassed our growing needs. His hard work in budgetary matters has earned the heartfelt thanks of our Department.

#### PERSONNEL CHANGES

It is with deep regret that we report the death of L. Edgar Myerly on September 18, 1967. During his career with the parks, he served with distinction in many capacities starting as a District Superintendent of Parks in 1948, and finally, in 1961 achieving the position of Superintendent of Parks. Mr. Myerly's contributions to the park system and particularly to the golfing scene will long be remembered by the citizens of Baltimore.

The vacancy created by Mr. Myerly's death was filled on January 20, 1968 when the Board of Recreation and Parks appointed Mr. Charles A. Young, Jr. as Superintendent of Parks. Mr. Young has been with the bureau since 1946 working in the Forestry Division as City Forester until his appointment as Assistant Superintendent of Parks in 1963.

On August 7, 1967, Mr. Lester L. Straw was appointed as City Forester to fill the vacancy created when Mr. Frederick Graves resigned in the previous year.

Mr. William H. Trageser was appointed as the new Stadium Manager on June 3, 1968.

The bureau was successful in having a position of Assistant Director of the Zoo created in this year's budget and on November 25, 1967, Mr. John A. Moore, who was serving as our Principal Keeper of Birds, was appointed to fill this position.

After 38 years of loyal and devoted service, Mrs. Belle J. Schaffer retired from her duties as Senior Clerk Stenographer in the Central Office. Mrs. Schaffer was in charge of the personnel work for the entire bureau and during the course of the years had come to be known and respected by all the employees within the bureau.

## ENGINEERING DIVISION

GERALD W. BUNN, *Principal Engineer*

WILLIAM B. ELKINS, *Senior Civil Engineer*

CHARLES F. TYSON, *Landscape Architect*

The Engineering Division serves both the Bureau of Parks and the Bureau of Recreation in many and varied ways. Projects of diversified nature are designed and the construction is carried out through contracts let by this office, or the other Bureaus of this Department. It is the responsibility of this office to see that all construction contracts, with the exception of those supervised by the Bureau of Building Construction, are properly carried out. Field surveys of all types are performed, and Engineering assistance is rendered in our cooperative projects with other Departments.

1. The following projects were designed and contracts let and supervised by the Engineering Division:
  - (a) Stockton Street Playground.
  - (b) Trolley Museum Building.
  - (c) Forest Park Golf Course Snack Bar & Comfort Station.
  - (d) Warwick Ave. & Baltimore St. Playground.
  - (e) Fawcett Street Playground.
  - (f) Presstman Street Playground.
  - (g) Argyle Ave. Playground.
  - (h) Landscaping Park Ave. Squares.
  - (i) Paving Queensberry & Willow Ave. Playgrounds.
  - (j) New Roof Installations:
    - (1) Druid Hill Park Mansion House
    - (2) Druid Hill Park Forestry Building.
    - (3) Patterson Park Casino.
    - (4) South Balto. Rec. Center.
  - (k) Showmobile Storage Building—Mt. Pleasant.
  - (l) New plumbing system for Forestry Building.
  - (m) Demolition of 1606 Argyle Ave. for playground.
  - (n) Repair of Mammal House Eaves.
  - (o) Repairs to Reptile House heating system.
  - (p) Repair of Mammal House Cage Doors.
  - (q) New sidewalks and landscaping of Pulaski Monument.
  - (r) Cleaning War Memorial steps.
  - (s) Safety platforms—Stadium Light Towers.
  - (t) Repairs to Grizzly Bear Pool—Zoo
  - (u) Baseball Backstops:
    - (1) Wilbur Waters Playfield.



- (2) Maiden Choice
  - (3) Hanlon Park
  - (v) Lighting of 12 basketball courts at various places.
2. Designed by others—Contracts let and supervised by the Engineering Division.
    - (a) Pine Ridge Golf Course Irrigation System.
    - (b) Patterson Park Ice Rink.
    - (c) Alterations to Cylburn Park Mansion and Patterson Park Casino.
    - (d) McKim Park and Playground.
    - (e) Georgetown & DeSoto Roads Playground & Park Area.
  3. Designed by others—Engineering assistance during design and construction:
    - (a) John Eager Howard Recreation Center.
    - (b) Bay Brook Recreation Center.
  4. Designed by Engineering Division—Constructed by Construction Division:
    - (a) Marble curbs and Flower Beds at City Hall.
    - (b) Vincent Street Playground.
  5. Miscellaneous Engineering Services:
 

Topographical surveys and stakeouts were made at many locations in Park System.

## PROJECTS AND FACILITIES

### BUREAU OF RECREATION

#### COMPLETED PROJECTS AND FACILITIES OPEN

The following were completed between July 1, 1967 and June 30, 1968 at a total cost of \$156,507.00:

#### *Lighting*

Under the existing contract with Welsbach Corporation, lighting has been accomplished at the following locations for the amount of \$20,000.00:

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|---------------------------------|------------------------------------|
| 1. Willow Playground            | 8. Latrobe Park Recreation Center  |
| 2. Queensberry Playground       | 9. Towanda Playfield               |
| 3. Curtis Bay Recreation Center | 10. Gwynns Falls Recreation Center |
| 4. Easterwood Park              | 11. North Harford Playfield        |
| 5. Carroll Park Playground      | 12. Gardenville Playfield          |
| 6. Bocek Playfield              |                                    |
| 7. Chick Webb Recreation Center |                                    |

### *Blacktopping and Resurfacing*

Willow and Queensberry Playgrounds were surfaced to prevent erosion for the amount of \$5,000.00.

### *John Eager Howard Elementary School No. 61 School Playground*

Linden Avenue and Konig Street. Architect was Stanley English. Contract awarded to Starcon, Inc. in the amount of \$107,280.00. Federal Grant (BOR) was approved and reimbursement received for 50% of costs.

### *Comfort Station, Patterson Casino*

Architects are Hebrank and Pippen. Contract for renovations to the rest rooms awarded to Ebert & Associates, Inc. for this and Cylburn Comfort Station for \$23,383.00 (Patterson Comfort Station share—\$14,383.00).

### *Vincent Street Playground*

122 North Vincent Street between Fayette and Lexington Streets. Renovation and expansion by Construction, Forestry, and Gwynns Falls Division on this existing facility, included grading, blacktopping, painting, sodding and installing a drinking fountain, play equipment and benches.

## WORK UNDER CONTRACT DURING FISCAL YEAR 1968

Projects under contract totaled \$1,147,647.00.

### *James McHenry School No. 10 School Recreation Center*

Hollins and Schroeder Streets. Locke & Jackson designed the Recreation Center. Contract for the school building and recreation center awarded to the MacLeod Construction Company for \$1,823,000.00. Our Department transferred \$180,000.00 to the Department of Education for the Recreation Center. Estimated completion date is February 1, 1969. Project is 57% complete.

### *Steuart Hill Recreation Center (Union Square)*

Lombard and Gilmore Streets. Architects are Tatar and Kelly. Contract for the school are recreation center awarded to Philip Vizzini & Son for \$1,959,000.00. Our Department transferred \$180,000.00 to the Department of Education for the Recreation Center. Estimated completion date is March, 1969. Project is 36% complete.

### *John Eager Howard Elementary School No. 61 School Recreation Center*

Linden Avenue and Konig Street. Architect was Stanley English. Contract awarded to Cam Construction Company for \$264,000.00. Project is 95% complete.

### *Bay Brook Recreation Center and Playground*

6th & 10th Streets. Architect was Stanley English. Contract awarded to Northern Chesapeake Construction Company for \$297,700.00. Project is 45% complete.

*1604-1606 Argyle Avenue*

Old building on premises demolished by Larkin Company for \$2,270.00. Contract for playground awarded to Ratrie, Robbins, and Schweizer, Inc. for \$68,516.00 for this, and Baltimore Street and Warwick Avenue; Presstman Street, and Fawcett Street & Hampden Avenue playgrounds. Project is 90% complete.

*Baltimore Street and Warwick Avenue*

Property for playground owned by our Department and plans were drawn by our engineers. Contract awarded to Ratrie, Robbins, and Schweizer, Inc. Project is 90% complete.

*502-518 Presstman Street*

Property purchased for \$5,000.00. Contract for playground awarded to Ratrie, Robbins, & Schweizer, Inc. Project is 90% complete.

*Fawcett Street and Hampden Avenue*

Property owned by our Department. Contract for playground awarded to Ratrie, Robbins, and Schweizer, Inc. Project is 90% complete.

*McKim Playground*

Baltimore and Aisquith Streets. Architects are Wrenn, Lewis and Jencks. An extension of our BOR Federal grant for development for which our Department will receive 50% reimbursement was received until June 30, 1969. Contract awarded to P. Flanigan & Sons for \$89,490.00. Project is 20% complete.

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### COMPLETED PROJECTS AND FACILITIES OPEN

The following were completed between July 1, 1967 and June 30, 1968 at a total cost of \$953,723.00:

*Comfort Station-Upper Leakin Park*

Contract awarded to Hooper-Sparhawk Associates for \$17,416.00. Our Construction Division installed sanitary, water and electric service.

*Perkins Square Gazebo*

Contract awarded to Wallace & Gale Company for \$9,997.00. The roof was renovated, the spring area paved, and the cupola and finial replaced. Gibbons of Baltimore painted the Gazebo at no cost to our Department.

*Mansion House Repair—Druid Hill Park*

Contract awarded to Wallace & Gale Company for \$16,875.00. Extensive repairs were made, and a new roof placed. New screening on the porch was undertaken by our Department.

*Monuments—City-wide, Phase I*  
*War Memorial Plaza Steps*

Repair to exposed aggregate was done by our Construction Division. Contract to clean the steps was awarded to Empire Building Cleaning Company, Inc. for \$1,790.00. The steps were pointed after cleaning by our Department.

*McHenry Street Playground*

Renovation by our construction Division of the existing playground which was destroyed by vandalism. New equipment was placed at a cost of \$3,000.00.

*Hippopotamus House and Antelope Moat—Druid Hill Park*

Architect Edward H. Glidden, Jr. Contract awarded to Leimbach Corporation in the amount of \$373,000.00. Art Work and Ornamentation was placed by Gibbons of Baltimore at a cost of \$4,000.00, or 1% of the total contract price, as stipulated in Ordinance 299. President Tubman of Liberia was present at formal dedication ceremonies, March 29, 1968.

*Park Avenue Squares*

1600 and 1700 blocks Park Ave. These squares were renovated. Our engineers completed the landscaping plans and specifications. Contract awarded to the P. H. Walker Construction Company in the amount of \$45,421.00.

*Flower Beds—City Hall Plaza*

Holiday Street Side. Our Department designed flower beds around City Hall. Rullman & Wilson, Inc. installed Beaver Dam marble as curbing around the flower beds, approximate cost of \$3,400.00. Planting material was estimated at \$1,600.00. Our Department provided the labor required for this project which was sodded during the winter months and was planted with annual type blooms in the spring.

*North Stockton Street Playground*

1303-23 North Stockton Street. Contract awarded to Ernest M. Carozza for the amount of \$17,052.00.

*Cylburn Comfort Station*

The old building utilized and a new addition put on it. Architects are Hebrank & Phippen. Contract awarded to low bidder, Ebert & Associates, Inc. for this and Patterson Casino Comfort Station for \$23,383.00. (Cylburn share—\$9,000.00).

*Patterson Park Casino Roof*

Casino roof repaired and woodwork replaced. Contract awarded to Korb Roofers, Inc., for \$7,890.00. The upper and lower roof were repaired, and the decorative eave which needed extensive repair was finished by our Construction Division.

### *Miscellaneous Fences, Backstops*

A backstop was placed at Wilbur Waters Playground at a cost of \$500.00. Playground equipment worth \$2,900.00 for Idlewood Playground was placed and paid for from this fund. The Grizzly Bear Cage at the Zoo repaired from this fund. Contract for this work awarded to low bidder, Allied Contractors, for \$4,421.00.

### *Forest Park Golf Course—Comfort Station and Snack Stand*

Comfort Station and Snack Stand rebuilt in a different location. Contract awarded to low bidder, Bishop Construction Corporation, for \$19,705.00. Costs will be reimbursed from Fire Recovery Account.

### *Georgetown and DeSoto Roads Playfield*

Georgetown and DeSoto Roads. Engineers were Knecht and Human. Federal Grant for development (BOR) accepted and revision approved in the amount of \$129,922.50. Contract awarded to P. Flanigan & Sons, for \$249,845.00.

### *Golf Course Irrigation—Pine Ridge*

Pine Ridge Golf Course was irrigated by Universal Irrigation Co., Inc. for \$109,000.00.

### *Newman Court Playground*

30 South Carlton Street. Playground constructed, blacktopped and equipment placed, at a cost of \$2,000.00.

### *Drinking Fountains, Park System*

Replacement of 5 existing fountains where the need was most urgent in each of the 5 Divisions. Installation was accomplished by our Construction Division at a cost of \$15,000.00.

## **WORK UNDER CONTRACT DURING FISCAL YEAR 1968**

Projects under contract totaled \$347,804.50.

### *Trolley Museum—Jones Falls Valley Park*

Contract awarded to Steel Buildings Corporation for \$45,458.00. Project is complete subject to punch list, and concrete flooring.

### *Monuments—City-wide, Phase I General Pulaski Monument*

Contract awarded to S.S.C. Corporation for \$2,227.50. Project is 90% complete pending placement of ivy and shrubbery. Work involved construction of concrete sidewalk, fencing and landscaping the area, placement of six oak trees; erection of old Clifton Park Lake fence around the monument.

### *Mammal House Eaves and Doors*

Mammal House Concrete Eaves and Doors replaced. The Masonry Construction Co. completed eaves for \$1,931.00. Yankee

Engineering Co. replaced eight sliding doors for \$3,000.00, and will replace remaining number of service corridor doors for \$885.00. The project is 5% complete.

*Patterson Park Ice Rink*

Plans and Specifications prepared by Mr. Peter Carver of "Rink Consultants, Inc." Contract awarded to Starcon, Inc., for \$239,530.00. Project is 50% complete.

*Carroll-Caton Mansion*

Mr. E. Bruce Baetjer, Landscape Architect, prepared final plans for the development of the garden in the rear of the mansion. Contract awarded to Ebert & Associates, Inc. for \$22,318.00. Project is 90% complete.

*Drinking Fountains, Park System*

Replacement of existing fountains in each of the five districts by our Construction Division. Five Districts have submitted a new listing of the 5 most urgent locations. \$10,000.00 has been allotted for the project.

**STATEMENT OF LOAN FUNDS**

On Election day, Tuesday, November 7, 1967, the Department of Recreation and Parks was successful in its bid for passage of a \$3,650,000.00 loan proposal.

The program for accomplishment under this bond issue recently approved as part of our 1969 Capital Budget includes the following projects:

**BUREAU OF RECREATION**

*Four Recreation Centers to be built in conjunction with Public Schools*

The combination of a school and recreation building produces a facility of great versatility and results in a great saving to the City of Baltimore in not having to build separate facilities at separate sites.

All of them will be typical recreation buildings containing a multi-purpose room, meeting room, arts and crafts room, kitchen, Center Director's office, storage facilities and comfort facilities. Supervised recreational programs will be provided which have proved so beneficial to other neighborhoods throughout the City.

Edgecombe School Recreation Center .....	\$250,000.00
2835 Virginia Avenue	
Furley & Sipple School Recreation Center .....	\$240,000.00
Furley & Sipple Avenues	

Rognel Heights School Recreation Center ..... \$320,000.00  
Sidehill & Seminole Avenues

Woodhome School Recreation Center ..... \$250,000.00  
Moyer & Clearview Avenues

Inner City Playgrounds ..... \$ 90,000.00

The Simonds and Simonds Master Plan for Recreation and  
Parks greatly emphasizes the need for Inner City Playgrounds.

Hunter Street Playground ..... \$ 30,000.00  
Between 2100 N. Calvert Street & Guilford Avenue

1000 East Hoffman Street ..... \$ 20,000.00

1821 through 27 Lemmon Street ..... \$ 3,000.00

1315 Druid Hill Avenue—Park Playground ..... \$ 15,000.00

The following are also inner city locations where playgrounds  
and playfields are to be constructed :

Johnston Square ..... \$100,000.00  
Valley and Chase Streets

Collington Square ..... \$100,000.00  
Patterson Park Avenue & Preston Street

Pulaski Street & Lafayette Avenue Property or  
Alternate Site ..... \$100,000.00

Stricker & Ramsay Streets Property ..... \$100,000.00

Madison Square Playfield ..... \$100,000.00

Samuel Taylor School Playground ..... \$150,000.00

Upton Renewal Area Playfield ..... \$100,000.00

John Rogers School #27 Recreation Center &  
Playground ..... \$250,000.00  
Fayette and Chester Streets

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Bay Brook Park Development ..... \$500,000.00  
6th & 10th Streets, Brooklyn

Historic Park (Construction Reserve) ..... \$770,000.00  
Fayette Street, Pratt Street, High Street and the  
proposed Jones Falls Expressway

Druid Hill Swimming Pool Building ..... \$150,000.00

Druid Hill Park Tractor Building ..... \$ 50,000.00

Carroll Park Shelter Comfort Station ..... \$ 30,000.00

## BUREAU OF PARKS

CHARLES A. YOUNG, JR., *Superintendent of Parks*

WILLIAM R. SCHMIDT, JR., *Assistant Superintendent of Parks*

NORMAN W. DAUGHERTY, *Senior Administrative Assistant*

### REPORT FROM THE FIVE PARK DISTRICTS

Each of the five Park Districts in which Baltimore is divided is administered by a separate park maintenance division. The routine work of these divisions consists of such chores as grass cutting and weeding, leaf raking, trash removal, preparation of athletic areas, such as ball diamonds and tennis courts, repairing small damages, replacing broken equipment, minor development of new areas, maintenance of buildings and monuments and operating six outdoor swimming pools, the bathing beaches at Fort Smallwood and the five municipal golf courses. In addition to these items of routine maintenance, special projects are performed each year which are worthy of note. A list of these accomplishments and other special events by division follows:

#### I. CARROLL DIVISION

Harry Kues, *Superintendent*

##### A. Maintenance and Development Projects

1. Renovation of the McHenry Street Playground.
2. Installation at Cherry Hill Park of picnic tables and benches; picnic areas developed.
3. Hauling of broken concrete to the bench area at Fort Smallwood Park to control erosion.
4. Undeveloped ground at Bay Brook Park cleared of underbrush, trash and debris.
5. Resodding of all tees at the Carroll Park Golf Course with merion blue grass.
6. Complete application of 10-6-4 fertilizer to Carroll Park Golf Course, Riverside Park, and Latrobe Park.

##### B. Special Events

1. The U. S. Army band from Washington, D. C. held a successful concert at Federal Hill Park on July 28, 1967.
2. A fair sponsored by the Southwest Baltimore Citizens Planning Council held in Carroll Park on July 22, 1967.





**Georgetown and DeSoto Roads Playfield**

The newly completed facility in Carroll Division, and one of the most modern in the city.

## II. CLIFTON DIVISION

Francis R. Jones, *Superintendent*

### A. Maintenance and Development Projects

1. Regrading and removal of grass from the softball and soccer fields in Clifton Park enclosed field; also, additional drainage installed.
2. Major renovation of Herring Run necessary because of extensive storm damage.
  - A. Mt. Pleasant Playfield—the ballfield regraded, infield resodded, outfield seeded and a new backstop installed on the softball field.
  - B. At Coxen's Meadow, considerable washouts repaired, and sand, stone and other debris removed.
3. Regrading of Clifton Park tennis courts to eliminate high spots.
4. Extension of the drainage system in Burdick Park.

5. Construction of new playground on the west side of Hillen Road opposite Mt. Pleasant Golf Course. Extensive ditching and installation of concrete drainage required.
6. Wooded area north of the playground cleared of debris, brush and fallen logs; wooden posts installed to bar vehicles.
7. Extensive resodding performed on the center strips along 33rd Street.
8. Renovation of the Willow Avenue Playground; black-topping by contract; painting and repairing the buildings and the concrete areas around the wading pool and fountain; regrading and sodding.
9. Resodding of all tees and borders at the Mt. Pleasant and Clifton Golf Courses.
10. Change on April 1st of the sequence of holes at the Clifton Course by making the old #16 and #17 into the new #2 and #3, bringing the new #9 (old #7) as near as possible to the clubhouse which accommodated the nine hole ticket approved during the previous year.
11. Installation of a new fence around outer perimeter of trotting track at Graham Park.
12. Erection of volley ball posts in Chinquapin and Coldstream Parks.

#### B. Special Events

The facilities of the Clifton Division were utilized by numerous organizations for a variety of events.

1. Special Golf Exhibition for benefit of Brain Injured Children—Jack Nicklaus and Doug Sanders versus Carol Mann and Kathy Whitworth, at Mount Pleasant Golf Course.
2. Fred Crosby Memorial Golf Tournament—raised \$1,000.00 for cancer research.
3. Three swimming meets held at Clifton Pool.
4. Clifton Pool—site of City's "Learn to Swim" Program.
5. Annual Municipal Tennis Championship played on Clifton Courts, and several other tournaments held.
6. Hosted by Clifton District:
  - A. Boy Scout Camporee
  - B. Rugby Matches
  - C. Kite Flying Contests
  - D. National Archery Tournament
  - E. Annual Columbus Day Parade

### III. DRUID HILL DIVISION

Robert Aro, *Superintendent*

#### A. Maintenance and Development Projects

1. Removal of abandoned blacktop walk and conversion to lawn of area in Druid Hill Park.
2. At the Baltimore Zoo, the Druid Hill forces performed the following tasks:
  - A. Conversion of the area around the Giraffe House into lawn by grading, hauling and spreading topsoil, seeding and mulching.
  - B. Performance of the same work at the Hippo House and addition of sod in critical areas to prevent erosion before the turf could be established.
  - C. Repair and resodding of turf areas around the "Noah's Ark" and the "Dairy Barn" exhibits in the Children's Zoo.
  - D. Removal of sand from the pens in the Children's Zoo and spread new crusher run in its place.
3. In Wyman Park, the fill was covered with topsoil and then the area seeded and mulched.
4. Renovation of the lawn areas damaged by salt in the 1600 and 1700 blocks of Park Avenue by the installation of merion blue grass sod.
5. Conversion of the basement of the building at the #1 Pool in Druid Hill Park into a storage area for the Druid Hill and Construction Divisions; a ramp constructed to make the new area accessible to motor vehicles.
6. The following major projects were accomplished at the Pine Ridge Golf Course:
  - A. Construction of additional Caddy Cart paths.
  - B. Repair of bare areas in fairways with topsoil and sod.
  - C. Improvement of the traps with the addition of Texas white sand.
  - D. Application of new coat of paint to the bleacher seats stored at the course.
7. Repair of the fence around hard surface tennis courts at Pool #1.
8. Erection of fencing at Medfield Heights.
9. Installation of additional fencing near the ball diamond in Wyman Park, and application of topsoil in the same vicinity.
10. Protection of shrubbery and turf at the John Eager Howard Playground and also at 33rd and Charles Streets by the addition of post and chain barriers.

11. Extensive refurbishing was achieved with the accomplishment of the following painting projects:
  - A. Scraping and repainting of all 75 street light poles in Druid Hill Park, and the iron fence around the old Sea Lion Pond.
  - B. Repainting of one hundred picnic tables.
  - C. Painting of new lines on all hard surface tennis courts in Druid Hill Park and on parking areas in the Zoo and at Robert E. Lee Park.
12. Establishment of two new playgrounds by Druid Hill Division; one at Coldspring Lane and Linkwood Road, and the other at Beech Avenue and 34th Street.



**John Eager Howard Playground—Linden Avenue and Konig Street**

The newest facility added to Druid Hill Division has put into practice the latest concepts in playground design.

#### B. Special Events

1. Annual Outdoor Art show held around the Druid Hill Lake on May 19, 1968.
2. Be-In held at Grove #2 in Druid Hill Park on June 23, 1968 with 1,200 attending.

3. Two Baltimore Open Tennis Tournaments held on the clay courts in Druid Hill; Softball Playoff games held on Diamonds #5 and #6.

#### IV. GWYNNNS FALLS DIVISION

Alvin E. Allen, *Superintendent*

##### A. Maintenance and Development Projects:

1. Renovation of the lawn areas on 14 inner Harlem Park Lots; grading, topsoiling and laying sod.
2. Renovation of lawn at Easterwood Park; grading, seeding, mulching and applying sod.
3. Construction of new little league diamond in Leakin Park by our Construction Division.
4. Repairs to the lawn areas around the new comfort station in Leakin Park.
5. Preparing and sodding a worn out lawn area in Union Square for improved appearance.
6. Repair sod in damaged areas at Reverend Waters Playground.
7. Application of sod required at Maiden Choice Park to repair areas disturbed with installation of a catch basis and new drain line in the park.
8. Renovation of large lawn area at Wilkens Playground; regrading and laying of sod.
9. Several important painting projects were completed during the year. These included:
  - A. The fences at Easterwood Park, Conlon Field, Rev. Waters Playground and Wilkens Playground.
  - B. The eighty-four lamp posts in the districts.
  - C. The seventy picnic tables in the Leakin Park picnic areas.
10. Repairs made at the Forest Park Golf Course in the area adjacent to the 3rd and 14th tees and on the 4th, 7th and 18th fairways. All tees, except #2, resodded and a new cart path constructed on 18th fairway.

##### B. Special Events

1. Church services, community health fairs, art exhibits, sing-outs and rallies held in the Perkins, Union, Lafayette and Harlem Squares.
2. Forest Park Golf Course—site of several tournaments, including the annual Jimmy Flattery Junior Tournament, the Frank Fisher Memorial and the Four-Way Public Park Championship.



**Vincent Street Playground—122 North Vincent Street**

Renovation and expansion work by Construction, Forestry and Gwynns Falls Forces brought these results.

## V. PATTERSON DIVISION

Frank T. Butler, *Superintendent*

### A. Maintenance and Development Projects:

1. Extensive repairs to ballfield in Lower Herring Run; topsoil, seed, and sod.
2. Creation of three grass plots on Jefferson Street between Potomac Street and Ellwood Avenue and additional application of topsoil and sod; a 5' x 105' blacktop walk constructed on the plot nearest Potomac Street; 31 cedar posts installed on the north side of the plots near the alley.
3. Extensive repairs to two little league ball diamonds at the Gardenville Playfield; topsoil, clay and sod.
4. Installation of 2500 yellow bricks as underpads for benches and trash receptacles at the Broadway Squares between Baltimore and Orleans Streets.
5. Development of 4 acre section of Moore's Run at Den-view Avenue; graded, fertilized and seeded.

## B. Special Events

1. Hopkins Plaza, because of its advantageous location and its attractiveness was utilized many times during the year as the site for such "Happenings" as:
  - A. Five day art show heralded as the Greater Baltimore Art Festival.
  - B. Combo performance sponsored by the Variety Club.
  - C. Fashion show put on by a local clothing store.
  - D. Concert presented by the Army Band of Fort Meade. The band also gave a concert at the Court House Plaza.
  - E. Annual ceremony of lighting the Christmas tree which was also held in Mt. Vernon Square.
2. The Baltimore City Fire Department held a Fire Prevention Demonstration in Patterson Park before 1,000 school children.
3. The annual Fishing Fair was held in the Patterson Park Boat Lake and attracted the largest crowd in its history.
4. The annual Flower Mart was held at Mt. Vernon Square.
5. The annual "I Am An American Day" parade was held in and around Patterson Park with the largest crowd since its inception in attendance.

## REPORT FROM THE FIVE SPECIAL DIVISIONS

In addition to the five park districts just described, there are also five special divisions in the Bureau of Parks. Three of these, the Construction, Forestry and Horticulture Divisions, cover areas of work which apply throughout the system. They have been organized as separate divisions, however, in order to increase our capabilities by concentrating the knowledge and skills in the particular field and thereby producing a higher level of performance. The other two divisions, the Stadium and the Zoo, are separate and distinct facilities within the Bureau.

### VI. CONSTRUCTION DIVISION

George L. Nickel, *Superintendent*

This division is responsible for the repair and renovation of all park structures, roads, footways and surfaced areas; for the maintenance of electrical, plumbing and heating facilities and the inspection of park lighting maintenance and power consumption. Construction machinery with operators were provided to all divisions and a welding service was made available. Major projects completed during the year at each division follows:

## 1. *Major Repairs and Installations*

- A. Extensive carpentry repairs performed in 16 locations.
- B. Installation of terra cotta sewer pipe at Fort Smallwood and Leakin Park Comfort Station; new storm drain at Maiden Choice Park.
- C. Masonry repair to basement walls of Carroll Park Mansion; and City Hall steps, retaining walls, benches and Plaza fountain.
- D. Surface repair with bituminous material to Stadium Parking Lots and service road to Robert E. Lee Park; installation of concrete footway at Cherry Hill Pool.
- E. Improvements to Vincent Street Playground and Perkins Square Gazebo; construction of Newman Court Playground and Flower Beds in front of City Hall.
- F. Conversion of Druid Hill Swimming Pool Building basement for warehouse use.
- G. Construction of 24' x 50' addition to Mt. Pleasant caddy cart building; and new bamboo house, litter disposal unit and retaining wall at Children's Zoo.
- H. Rebuilding of Patterson Park fish pond and new water service installed.
- I. Erection of salvaged Clifton Park Lake fence around Pulaski Monument.
- J. Installation of new roof, wooden trim and five doors at Mt. Pleasant fieldhouse; seven doors and locksets at Federal Hill band shell.
- K. Razing of South Greenhouse in Druid Hill complex and new greenhouse constructed.
- L. Improvement to heating facilities at greenhouses with fin type radiation and oil fired heating boiler.
- M. Yearly preparation for baseball; changeover to football; setting up of ice rink at Stadium.

## 2. *Electrical Installations*

- A. Renovation to electrical systems at Fort Smallwood and Cylburn Mansion.
- B. Replacement of underground power cables in Carroll, Clifton, Druid Hill, Hanlon and Federal Hill Parks, and Union Square.
- C. Extension of existing underground power cable to provide service to Leakin Park comfort station; extension of 3 phase cable into Hippo building, plus installation of power transformer.
- D. Installation of service in Bureau of Music's Showmobile building; caddy cart building, Mt. Pleasant Golf Course, and to Mt. Pleasant fieldhouse.
- E. Response to 105 other requests for electrical and heating service.



### 3. *Painting Work*

- A. Interiors and exteriors of Cherry Hill Pool Building, Federal Hill and Clifton Park band shells, Mt. Pleasant fieldhouse, Forestry and Construction buildings.
- B. Exteriors of Carroll Park and Clifton Park Shop buildings; Willow Avenue Playground fieldhouse; main administration building; honeymoon house and Superintendent's house in Gwynns Falls Division; Riding Academy building in Leakin Park; old Police buildings in Clifton and Gwynns Falls Divisions.
- C. Interiors of 2nd floor apartments of Hutton and McDowell Mansions, and 3rd floor of Bergner Mansion, Gwynns Falls.
- D. 500 picnic tables, 10 restrooms, 2 bath houses, 4 concession stands, 40 cabanas, 5 shelters; all playground equipment at Fort Smallwood; 10,000 chair back seats at the Stadium.

## VII. FORESTRY DIVISION

Lester L. Straw, *City Forester*

1. The Forestry Division was reorganized during 1968 into two sections with each section handling the forestry in its half of the city. At the same time, several new positions were created to strengthen both the supervisory and clerical responsibilities.
2. The Forestry office was enlarged and completely renovated. The improvements included wooden paneling, acoustic tile ceiling, vinyl tile floors, air conditioning and remodeling the restroom.
3. New equipment added during the year consisted of a 2½ ton boom truck, a truck-mounted 250 cubic foot compressor, an Asplundh chipper truck, two Asplundh chippers, a small dump truck and a sedan.
4. The planting program was curtailed slightly during 1968 in order that the care of young trees be given a higher priority. Even so, as the charts which follow will show, a total of 5,109 trees were planted, of which 4,886 were on the public highways.
5. Pruning continues to receive the highest priority for work in the Division with an attempt being made to take care of trees first that present an immediate hazard. As a result, on the public highways, 7,672 trees were pruned and in the parks, which received added attention, 2,039 trees were handled, an increase of 1,480 over the previous year.
6. A total of 4,336 trees were removed during the year with the Bureau of Highways removal contract accounting for 698 of

these and the Forestry Division taking care of the rest. The problem of disposing of the removed trees now appears to be very serious because of the ordinance prohibiting open burning.

A recapitulation of Forestry activities is as follows:

	FY 1968	FY 1967
<b>Trees Pruned</b>		
Parks .....	2,039	559
Highways .....	7,672	3,201
<b>Total</b> .....	<b>9,711</b>	<b>3,760</b>
<b>Trees Planted</b>		
Parks .....	223	795
Highways .....	4,886	7,421
Other Agencies .....	10	81
<b>Total</b> .....	<b>5,119</b>	<b>8,297</b>
<b>Trees Removed</b>		
Parks .....	878	687
Highways .....	2,750	1,259
Other Agencies .....	10	0
<b>Total by Forestry</b> .....	<b>3,638</b>	<b>1,946</b>
<b>Total by Contract</b> .....	<b>698</b>	<b>722</b>
<b>Total</b> .....	<b>4,336</b>	<b>2,668</b>
<b>Trees Sprayed</b>		
Parks .....	828	1,041
Highways .....	10,849	11,564
<b>Total</b> .....	<b>11,677</b>	<b>12,605</b>
<b>Trees Cultivated</b>		
Parks .....	363	333
Highways .....	21,549	9,028
<b>Total</b> .....	<b>21,912</b>	<b>9,361</b>

#### VIII. HORTICULTURE DIVISION

Gerard J. Moudry, *Horticulturist*

The activities of this division were taken up with the operation of two greenhouse complexes at Cylburn and Druid Hill Parks, the maintenance of the outdoor gardens located within the various parks, the supervision of the Wildflower Preserve and of Cylburn Park and decoration service. These functions briefly outlined comprise the following duties:

## A. Indoor Gardening

1. The Druid Hill Greenhouses are used for the display of tropical plants in the Conservatory and for such special seasonal shows as the Mum Display (7,000 visitors), the Christmas Display (4,000 visitors), and the Spring Display (3,000 visitors—figure is low because of the riots).
2. At the Cylburn greenhouses, the emphasis is on plant propagation and the following figures show the extent of this work:
  - 100,000 bedding plants
  - 3,000 potted mums
  - 2,000 potted poinsettias
  - 8,000 assorted pot plants for Spring Display

## B. Outdoor Gardening

1. One hundred flower beds were maintained at the following locations:
  - Carroll Division (5)
  - Clifton Division (9)
  - Druid Hill Division (24)
  - Gwynns Falls Division (24)
  - Patterson Division (17)
  - Horticulture Division (19)
  - Stadium (2)
2. All of these beds were planted with annuals and half of them were planted with bulbs in the fall for spring blooming.
3. Sherwood Gardens  
All maintenance work performed here including addition of top soil and wood chips. Plantings included:
  - 700 small azaleas
  - 7,500 pansy plants
  - 35,000 tulips

## C. Cylburn Park

1. The Herb Garden area was redesigned to contain an herb and a display section.
2. Two hundred assorted shrubs were planted at the entrance to the park and 60 plants were added to the collection on the grounds.
3. A Rock Garden planting area was started this year with different shrubs and trees.
4. Work is continuing on the Formal Garden with the planting of hedges and the planting of perennials in the four beds designed for them.

#### D. Meetings and Tours

1. The Naturalist and volunteer leaders of the Cylburn organization conducted tours involving 321 groups with a total of 15,629 people in attendance.
2. Meetings in the Cylburn Mansion by garden and nature groups were held by 156 groups with a total of 4,680 people.
3. The Sunday Open House affairs attracted 1,465 people.

### IX. STADIUM

William H. Trageser, *Stadium Manager*

#### A. Maintenance and Development Projects

1. Screening of all open areas along the ramps, on the lower deck and in strategic sections of the upper deck to deter the throwing of objects from the Stadium on persons or property below.
2. Installation of steel safety platforms on the W-3 and 4 and E-3 and 4 towers.
3. Cleaning by contract of all tower lights and the relamping of the old units.
4. Erection of a partition at one end of the football press box, and installation of two additional gas heaters.
5. It was learned that aluminum seat parts could be purchased more cheaply than wood and could be admixed with our present seats. We discontinued buying the wooden parts and will buy only aluminum in the future.

#### B. Special Events

1. The annual Christmas Tree Sale held from December 10th through the 25th.
2. Twenty-three bus trips originated from the Stadium parking lots.
3. The Maryland Traffic Safety Commission, in conjunction with the Yellow Cab Company, put on a demonstration of water filled rubber bumpers and barriers.

#### C. Details of Stadium Revenue, including receipts for the Ice Rink, which operated from November 11, 1967 to March 10, 1968:

Type of Event	No. of Uses	Gross Attendance	Rental Revenue	Concession Revenue
Professional Baseball .....	65	739,956	\$113,959.85	\$ 73,159.86
Professional Football .....	8	436,878	178,013.03	33,092.71
Professional Soccer .....	18	102,766	48,520.83	5,201.02
Fireworks—July 4th .....	1	22,734	1,000.00	1,324.76
Festival of Music .....	2	6,288	.....	114.24
March of Champions .....	1	14,375	750.00	718.63
College Football .....	1	12,207	3,064.46	1,066.61
Amateur Baseball .....	1	1,335	425.20	194.23
City-Poly Football .....	1	18,106	175.00	970.32
Loyola-Calvert Hall .....	1	7,846	175.00	357.26
<b>TOTALS .....</b>	<b>99</b>	<b>1,362,491</b>	<b>\$346,083.37</b>	<b>\$116,199.64</b>

Total Rental Revenue .....	\$346,083.37
Total Concession Revenue .....	116,199.64
Sale of Utilities .....	19,619.13
Reimbursement from Colts for Lights, Field Restoration, Colt Band and Extra Handling of Tarp .....	6,217.63
Parking Revenue:	
Stadium .....	15,344.50
Venable .....	23,226.54
Parking Lot License:	
Stadium .....	1,991.25
Venable .....	5,476.86
Rental of Office Space:	
Colts .....	1,500.00
Orioles .....	1,845.00
Advertising:	
Clock .....	2,025.00
Scoreboard .....	41,500.00
Telephone Commissions .....	1,224.93
Ice Rink Revenue:	
Admissions (44,422) .....	22,217.25
Concessions .....	4,425.67
Repayment .....	10,698.31
1% Concessions Improvements	
Repayment .....	22,022.49
6% Field Seats	
Repayment .....	2,147.95
Rental waived on 514 Mezzanine Seats	
Repayment .....	7,956.76
Rental waived on 2,380 Upper Deck Seats	
Total FY 68 Stadium Revenue, Including Ice Rink Receipts .....	\$651,722.28

D. Revenue and Cost Comparisons—Memorial Stadium, 1954 to Fiscal 1968:

Year	Uses	Attendance	Revenue	Expense	Gain (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
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
1960	94	1,829,969	581,826.55	337,942.98	243,883.57
1961	89	1,547,043	470,967.90	328,459.19	142,508.71
1962	90	1,391,452	480,098.46	312,573.43	167,525.03
1963	92	1,278,684	488,131.88	360,424.86	127,707.02
1964	87	1,804,191	604,151.07	420,046.16	184,104.91
1965	82	1,829,836	514,324.13	418,510.38	95,813.75
*1966	82	527,482	190,379.98	201,406.42	(11,026.44)
1967	100	2,377,500	717,140.24	435,059.74	282,080.50
1968	99	1,361,491	651,722.28	513,738.67	137,983.61

\* six month period—change over to a fiscal year July 1—June 30

E. Statement of Stadium Operating Expense

1. Stadium

Total Revenue .....	\$625,079.36
Total Operating Expense .....	513,738.67

Operating Gain for the year, not including Debt Service: ..... \$111,340.69

2. Ice Rink

Total Revenue .....	\$ 26,642.92
Total Operating Expense .....	28,594.12

Operating Loss for the year: ..... \$ 1,951.20

X. THE BALTIMORE ZOO

Arthur Watson, *Zoo Director*

A. Mammal Department

1. Liberian Expedition

A. Three pigmy hippos were added to the Zoo as the result of a safari by the newly formed Baltimore Zoological Society. The two males were captured by the group and the female was donated by His Excellency, William V. S. Tubman, President of the Republic of Liberia, from his private zoo in Totota. The expedition was also successful in bringing back many other animals, birds and reptiles from the area.

B. In accordance with President Tubman's desires, the Zoo sent him a group of animals representing either those indigenous to this hemisphere or not native to Africa. Shipping charges for the animals both going to and coming from Africa as well as the salary and expenses of an attendant to accompany them were paid by the Zoo.

2. On March 29, 1968, our City and Zoo were honored with the presence of President and Mrs. Tubman who accepted our invitation to join with Mayor D'Alesandro in dedicating the new Hippo Building.



With members of the City Council and Board of Recreation and Parks in attendance, the new Hippopotamus House was dedicated by Mayor D'Alesandro and President Tubman of the Republic of Liberia. Ray Thompson, to the left of President Tubman, was instrumental in the organization of the hippo safari.

### 3. Important Developments

- A. For the first time, our Zoo was successful in raising a perfect litter of leopards.
- B. Our Kodiak bears were put together in a single cage with success for the first time since their infancy.
- C. Spearheaded by the Zoological Society, it appears likely at this time that some move will be made to fence the Zoo during the next fiscal year.

### B. Bird Department

#### 1. Important Acquisitions

- A. A trio of rare Swinhoe Pheasants donated by the Mid-Town Mt. Washington Kiwanis Club.
- B. Two Rheas.

- C. A pair of Golden Cock-of-the-Rocks.
- D. One thick-billed Parrot.
- E. One male Samali Ostrich.

2. Important Developments

- A. For the first time, three ostriches were raised to adult size, a rarity in a Zoo this far north.
- B. The waterfowl banding program was continued in cooperation with the United States Fish and Wildlife Service.
- C. The finding of avian malaria in our Penguin Colony resulted in an important scientific paper which was published in the Journal of Wildlife Diseases. This study makes our experiences available to zoos throughout the world.

C. Reptile Department

1. Important Acquisitions (acquired through trades)

- A. Large carpet python.
- B. A large boa constrictor.
- C. A Mexican Plateau Rattlesnake.
- D. A Snorkel Viper.
- E. A Malayan Pit Viper.

2. Important Developments

- A. The second generation breeding of albino corn snakes extended into its fifth year.
- B. Members of the Reptile House staff gave twelve lectures to various civic groups.
- C. At the request of the Maryland Poison Information Center, a report on poisonous rear-fanged snakes was prepared for publication by the Principal Keeper.

D. Children's Zoo and Revenue Items

- 1. This facility was opened from July 1, 1967 to November 16, 1967 and from April 17, 1968 to June 30, 1968. During this time, 119,303 children and 94,050 adults (a total of 213,353 admissions entered the area), creating a revenue of \$41,407.95. In addition, revenue of \$3,896.42 was realized from the Carousel and \$8,826.61 from the Zoo-Choo Train. At the Main Zoo, the City's income from the Safari trains amounted to \$5,590.58.
- 2. In addition to the annual refurbishing, the following improvements and additions were made:
  - A. The deteriorated tree house was removed and a Robinson Crusoe type bamboo house constructed in its place.



- B. A new floating bridge was installed.
- C. A new stone retaining wall was built along the back of the cages north of the pony barn.
- D. A new exhibit of a commercial chicken laying battery was established near the cow barn.
- E. A display of small nocturnal animals was constructed inside the Noah's Ark exhibit.

## **SUMMARY OF REVENUE SUPPORTED FACILITIES**

In addition to the operation of Memorial Stadium, the Ice Skating Rink at that location and the Children's Zoo, the Bureau of Parks operates the following revenue supported facilities:

### **I. GOLF COURSES**

As the charts which follow show, the five municipal courses recorded a 6% increase in the number of rounds played over the previous year—255,250 rounds compared to 241,350. This is very encouraging in view of the competition from other courses in the area and with the installation of irrigation, we feel that our courses will be even more attractive to the area golfers.

On December 20, 1967, the first contract was awarded for irrigation at a municipal course. This contract which was in the amount of \$109,000.00 called for the installation of a fully automatic irrigation system at the Pine Ridge Golf Course. The Contractor, Universal Irrigation, was ordered to proceed as of February 20, 1968, and despite poor weather conditions, especially during the initial stages of construction, made satisfactory progress with the system being capable of applying water regularly to the course by the time the hot weather arrived.

**GOLF COURSE REVENUE FOR FISCAL YEAR 1968**

Course	Rounds Played	Revenue Greens Fees	Revenue Irrigation Surcharge	Total Revenue	Operating Cost
*Carroll .....	42,969	\$ 42,987.00	\$ 10,742.25	\$ 53,729.25	\$ 65,593.82
Clifton .....	47,954	87,052.25	21,546.75	108,599.00	127,649.08
Forest Park .....	51,303	88,742.00	21,883.75	110,625.75	118,185.15
Mt. Pleasant .....	59,198	111,289.00	24,299.50	135,588.50	152,391.52
Pine Ridge .....	53,826	127,446.50	23,173.50	150,620.00	184,714.60
	255,250	\$457,516.75	\$101,645.75	\$559,162.50	\$648,534.17

\* A nine hole course

Year	Rounds Played	Revenue	Operating Cost	Gain or (Loss)
1968 .....	255,250	\$559,162.50	\$648,534.17	(\$ 89,371.67)
1967 .....	241,350	447,924.00	580,382.00	(\$132,458.00)
*1966 .....	118,212	187,524.00	215,412.00	(\$ 27,888.00)

\* Six months

For previous years, see published Fiscal 1967 Annual Report.

## FORT SMALLWOOD

As in the previous period, a parking charge of \$.25 per motorcycle, \$1.00 per car and \$3.00 per bus was in effect from July 1, 1967 to September 15, 1967 and from April 6, 1968 to June 30, 1968. During this time a total of 44 motorcycles, 20,348 cars and 402 buses entered the park. The bathing beaches were in operation from July 1, 1967 to September 10, 1967 and from May 30, 1968 to June 30, 1968.

Park Patrons .....	117,864	Beach Concessions .....	\$ 3,664.04
Beach Patrons .....	33,747	Parking Fees .....	\$21,565.00
		Total Revenue .....	\$25,229.04
		Operating Cost .....	\$30,613.61

Year	Park Patrons	Beach Patrons	Revenue	Operating Cost	Gain or (Loss)
1968	117,864	33,747	\$25,229.04	\$30,613.61	(\$ 5,384.57)
1967	129,097	42,269	\$28,540.78	\$44,769.47	(\$16,228.69)
1965	144,550	40,259	\$20,481.00	\$36,000.00	(\$15,519.00)
1964	115,753	39,131	\$19,557.00	\$35,793.00	(\$16,236.00)
1963	129,000	44,673	\$19,512.00	\$38,961.00	(\$19,449.00)

## SWIMMING POOLS

The periods covered in this report are July 1, 1967 to September 4, 1967 and June 22, 1968 to June 30, 1968. Last year, in an effort to provide as much recreation as possible, the Mayor ordered the admission charge at the pools to be discontinued as of August 6, 1967. This same policy was continued when the pools reopened this June. Hours of operation were again set at 12 Noon to 8:00 P.M. during the week and 12 Noon to 6:00 P.M. on Sundays and holidays. The Bureau of Recreation continued to conduct its free Learn-to-Swim classes in the mornings at the pools.

Pool	Days Open	Patrons	Revenue
Cherry Hill .....	69	30,410	\$ 1,023.60
Clifton .....	69	63,456	2,760.60
Druid Hill .....	65	45,688	1,694.30
Patterson .....	72	59,542	3,371.15
Riverside .....	66	45,680	2,672.70
Roosevelt .....	70	29,370	1,684.35
	411	274,146	\$13,206.70

Year	Days Open	Patrons	Revenue	Operating Cost	Gain or (Loss)
1968	411	274,146	\$13,206.70	\$157,981.19	(\$144,774.49)
1967	442	173,874	\$30,066.95	\$127,066.30	(\$ 96,999.35)
1965	446	173,384	\$29,355.00	\$104,776.00	(\$ 75,421.00)
1964	431	167,943	\$29,244.00	\$112,434.00	(\$ 83,190.00)
1963	400	165,270	\$28,663.00	\$105,489.00	(\$ 76,826.00)

## BUREAU OF RECREATION

JOHN G. WILLIAMS, *Superintendent*

ALFRED L. COTTRILL, *Assistant Superintendent*

"Project Recreation" was the highlight of the year. With a \$100,000 Federal grant, the summer activities were expanded to reach approximately 90,000 children. Diversification of program



**Mayor D'Alesandro officially opens playground season**

Mayor Thomas J. D'Alesandro, III, cuts ribbon on balloon declaring playground week in Baltimore.

received the emphasis, providing for the children of the inner city exposure to the theatre and to the arts, greater familiarity with their own city and its environs, and acquaintanceship with nearby cities and outdoor areas. This environmental enrichment, through recreational means, was accomplished by taking thousands of children via bus to such places as the Naval Academy, Washington, Arlington National Cemetery, Philadelphia Aquarama, Hershey, Fort Meade, Baltimore Museum of Art, U.S.F. Constellation, Edgar Allen Poe grave, T.V. stations, Painter's Mill Theatre, Loch Raven dam, Curtis Bay Coast Guard Station, Coca Cola plant, harbor cruise, and many more.

Of equal emphasis to diversification was the concentration of taking recreation to the children and youth. The "Fun Wagon", while not the first mobile recreational unit in the country, was the first of its kind and certainly Baltimore's first, the idea originating with a Bureau of Recreation supervisor, designed by a center director, and constructed under their joint supervision. The "Fun Wagon", attached to a jeep, was taken to different neighborhoods, parked in blocked-off streets or alleys, and there converted into a



As a part of Project Recreation Baltimore summer program funded through the Community Action Agency, Baltimore built a Fun Wagon that will be used in areas not served by the Bureau of Recreation.

recreation center in miniature—a volley ball game and a basketball game in progress, a puppet show complete with stage and scenery, equipment for other types of games, a P.A. set for announcements and music. Additional and even more complete "Fun Wagons" are planned for next year.

Also taking recreation to the children are the traveling play leaders who go where there are no playgrounds or centers, carry their own basic equipment with them, and start a recreation program on the sidewalk or an unused lot, interesting the children in the kinds of things which they can continue to enjoy and play in a confined area long after the play leader has gone to another location.



**"Animal Twister" at Children's Zoo**

Over 500 youngsters took part in the Animal Twister Finals held in August at the Children's Zoo. Games and prizes were supplied by Milton Bradley, maker of Animal Twister and Twister.

Another innovation, and a significant one, was the portable swimming pool—again taking recreation to the neighborhood because the two pools could be moved from location to location. So successful was this venture that next summer should see many such pools erected throughout the city. Some fire hydrant spray pools were also in operation each afternoon, and again it is planned to utilize many more of them next year.

Featured programs are outlined below :

*Children's Activities* (City-wide special events)

Doll Show	Sponsored by Ladies Auxiliary of Veterans of Foreign Wars
Turtle Derby	
Human Parcheesi	Sponsored by Selchow & Righter Co.
Hula Hoop Contest	Sponsored by Wham-O of California
Chess Tournament	Sponsored by Evening Sun Paper
Twister Contest	Sponsored by Milton Bradley Games Co.
R.S.V.P. Scrabble Contest	Sponsored by Selchow & Righter Co.
Animal Twister Contest	Sponsored by Milton Bradley Games Co.
Bicycle Safety Program	Sponsored by Veterans of Foreign Wars
Easter Monday Program	



**The Mayor's Frog Hop**

Frogs were imported from California to help swell Baltimore's entries in the Mayor's Second Annual Frog Hop held at Patterson Playground.

### *Children's Activities* (City-wide special events Continued)

- Bird House Making Sponsored by Mondawmin Mall and  
Contest Station WFBR
- Marble Tournament Sponsored by Sunpapers
- The Mayor's Frog  
Hop

### *Girls' and Women's Activities*

- Dance classes in tap, ballet, jazz and modern
- Six additional classes this year—total of 47 classes
- City-wide Girls' Demonstration—38 centers participating
- Ten additional women's conditioning classes this year
- First annual city-wide boys' and girls' Physical Fitness  
Demonstration—baton twirling, rope jumping, cadet drills,  
ribbon dancing, bamboo rhythms, slimnastics, tumbling
- Tennis instruction—22 classes
- City-wide table tennis tournament
- Junior Municipal Games Track Meet—53rd year
- First U.S. Youth Games held in New York City—70 boys and  
girls from Bureau of Recreation participating
- Jesse Owens Track and Field Meet held in Pittsburg—60 boys  
and girls from Bureau of Recreation participating (Bureau  
of Recreation will host this meet in 1968)

### *Boys' and Men's Activities*

- Sports leagues in basketball, softball, touch and flag football,  
soccer and bowling
- Track and field—district and area pentathlons, Jesse Owens,  
Municipal Games, U.S. Youth Games
- Baltimore Bullet Basketball clinics conducted at 28 recreation  
centers sponsored by Atlantic-Richfield Co.
- Weightlifting—14 recreation centers held classes twice a week
- Karate, judo, and wrestling—6 recreation centers held classes  
for a four-month period
- Jogging—10 groups for adults formed in various sections of  
the city
- Indoor hockey leagues—conducted on district basis
- Roller skating league—conducted at 2 centers. Indoor facilities  
for this program are limited
- First city-wide Physical Fitness Exhibition—tumbling, judo,  
karate, jogging, weight lifting, Indian dancing, cadet drill  
(see under Girls' and Women's Activities for additional  
program)



Adult invitational volleyball tournament  
City-wide table tennis tournament  
Parochial School Games Track and Field Meet—sponsored by  
C.Y.O. and K. of C. and conducted by Bureau of Recreation  
Baltimore Boys and local AAU and U.S. Volleyball Association  
members conducted clinics in soccer and volleyball in Bureau  
of Recreation centers  
Tournaments and Leagues in low organized games conducted  
at all centers—box soccer, stick ball, deck tennis, paddle  
tennis, table tennis, pool, carrom, etc.

### *Senior Citizens*

Total of 38 clubs whose special activities included:  
Community service projects  
Trips—local and out of town  
Hobby Show  
Four-day summer camp—150 Senior Citizens attended



**Senior Citizens at Camp Carefree**

Senior Citizens fish at Camp Carefree held each year at Belair, Md.

### *Learn-To-Swim Program*

In co-operation with the American Red Cross, swimming instruction was given to 20,440 children in six Municipal pools during the summer. During the winter, 5 public school pools were used for learn-to-swim classes and for recreational swimming for neighborhood children, youth, and adults.

### *Music and Drama*

During the summer, music specialists were assigned to 70 recreation centers; to 52 centers during the winter.

Traveling guitarists were assigned during the summer to circulate in the inner city playgrounds to stimulate group singing.

The Children's Theatre Association presented plays, via Showmobile, at 11 recreation centers. Children from all centers were enabled to see, free of charge, the regular productions of this theatre group.

Many centers held talent and variety shows, concerts, holiday plays, etc. Aspiring teen-age musicians rehearsed their "Combos" at the recreation centers.

Puppetry regained some popularity; special classes were conducted for children in 6 centers; instruction was given to 45 leaders in puppet making, operating, and show production.

### *Nature and Gardening*

Twenty flower and vegetable gardens, planted and cared for by the children of the respective centers, were judged by a committee from the Women's Civic League which awarded appropriate prizes and certificates.

Traveling nature exhibits were enjoyed by 2,210 children.

The first children's greenhouse was built in the crafts room at Brooklyn Recreation Center; children are learning about plants and performing simple experiments with them. Visiting classes from the nearby school have come to observe and to hold class discussion.

Thirty-three centers participated in the Keep Maryland Beautiful poster contest. From the 328 children submitting original posters, 29 winners received awards from Mayor D'Alesandro at a ceremony in his office.

For adults, gardening workshops were held at Cylburn Park. The number of Nature Lore walks in various park areas was increased to 6 in the spring and 6 in the fall; these series of walks have been held yearly for more than 40 years.

The Cylburn Wildflower Preserve and Garden Center Organization held Open House on Sunday afternoons in the Cylburn Park Mansion; many visitors from foreign countries as well as from other states attended these; the known total attendance at meetings and open house for the year was 23,312 which included 15,487 school children. This represents an increase of 4,843 over the previous year.

### *Services for the Handicapped*

Over 100 physically handicapped children attended special recreation classes 3 mornings a week.

47 brain-damaged children were served weekly.

90 pre-school children, referred by Sinai-Druid Pediatric Comprehensive Care Center, were served 5 mornings a week.

Special activities were arranged for emotionally disturbed boys who were referred by University Hospital and Southwestern District Health nurse.

An outstanding example of inter-agency and agency-community cooperation is the summer camp for physically handicapped children located on 42 acres in Baltimore County. The Sinai-Druid Pediatric Comprehensive Care Center, American Red Cross, Self-Help organization, Variety Club Tent #19, Associated Jewish Charities, and other civic and philanthropic organizations have joined with the Bureau of Recreation in enabling 1100 physically handicapped children to have specialized activity, (also breakfast, lunch, and snacks) at this summer camp.

Handicapped adults were served in the following ways:

Blind—monthly program and dinner sponsored by the Catonsville Lions Club and weekly sculpture classes; physically handicapped—weekly art and sculpture classes; mentally retarded—Saturday programs of social activities and bowling; physically disturbed—weekly ballroom dancing and calisthenics, weekly social men's group, open lounge for disturbed veterans, weekly programs for out-patients referred by Southwestern District Community Mental Health Association; special program for patients from Perry Point and Spring Grove Hospitals.

### *Volunteer Corps*

A total of 1,746 junior volunteers and 484 senior volunteers contributed 210,285 hours of service, which is an increase of 35,515 hours over the previous year. These volunteer hours are equivalent to those of 109 full-time recreation leaders.

### *Amateur Sports*

- Boys' and men's basketball—  
91 leagues, 460 teams, 4,296 players
- Girls' and women's basketball—  
24 leagues, 114 teams, 1,158 players
- Football—  
10 leagues, 57 teams, 1,504 players
- Soccer—  
23 leagues, 131 teams, 2,266 players
- Baseball—  
137 leagues, 716 teams, 9,284 players
- Men's softball—  
76 leagues, 419 teams, 6,435 players
- Girls' and women's softball—  
12 leagues, 71 teams, 781 players
- Junior Tennis—  
140 girls ; 172 boys
- Municipal Tennis—  
164 women ; 265 men
- Municipal Swimming Meet—  
380 girls ; 399 boys
- Evening Sun Swimming Meet—  
461 girls and women ; 597 boys and men
- Municipal Track Meet—  
24 women ; 156 men

### *Street Club Service*

- Expanded use of facilities—Community College, P.S. #453, Harlem Park fieldhouse
- Expanded teen programs in Y.M.C.A., Y.W.C.A., libraries, churches, recreation centers
- Expanded program re: problems of increased drug use among teenagers
- Assistance during civil disorders—helping to contain teenagers who were on the streets ; encouraging youth to assist with food distribution in the aftermath
- Extended contact with employment agencies and prospective employers to expand employment opportunities for the youth
- Extended services to fringe areas of the city as well as inner city

With an operating budget plus Federal funds, the Bureau of Recreation staff of 338 full-time employees and an average of 363 part-time employees operated 69 recreation centers, 44 night centers, 22 year-around playgrounds, 5 seven-month playgrounds, and 95 summer playgrounds with a total attendance for all facilities conservatively estimated at 5,668,988.

## BUREAU OF MUSIC

STEPHANIE SODARO—*Music and Administrative Supervisor*

### I. *Concerts*—(61 in total)

Concerts are held seven days a week during June, July and August. There are 4 Bands, each composed of 34 professional musicians and conductor, and 1 Dixieland Jazz Band composed of 6 Jazz musicians.

The Regular Bands play a flexible program of popular classics and semi-classics, marches, music from Broadway shows and motion pictures.



This scenic location known as "The Dell", at Charles and 31st Streets, enhances the acoustical balance provided by the Showmobile.

- A. 8 additional concerts were scheduled after July 1, 1967 after they were allowed to remain in the fiscal 1968 budget.
- B. The Bureau of Music innovated a special Saturday series of Dixieland Jazz Concerts, featuring the "Monumental City Six", composed of 6 of Baltimore's top Jazz musicians.
- C. 5 extra concerts were received for scheduling after July 1, 1968 through our fiscal 1969 budget.
- D. New locations were introduced into the schedule this season in order to accommodate the many requests received and to bring music to sections of the city where concerts had never before been scheduled. The locations are:
  - 1. Violetville School #226  
Pine Heights Avenue and Clarenell Road
  - 2. Federal Hill Park  
Battery and Warren Avenues
  - 3. Fells Point  
800 Block South Broadway
  - 4. Gardenville Recreation Center  
Hazelwood and Hamilton Avenues
  - 5. DeWees Playfield  
Tunbridge Road and Ivanhoe Avenue



One of the most successful new locations was Lakeland Recreation Center, where the audience overflowed the seating provided.

6. Latrobe Park Recreation Center  
1522 Fort Avenue at Cooksie Street
7. Lakeland Recreation Center  
Wegworth Lane off of 2900 Block Hollins Ferry Road
8. Carroll Park Festival  
2100 Washington Boulevard
9. Public School #71  
Old Frederick Road and South Loudon Avenue
10. Public School #160—Cherry Hill  
Cherry Hill and Seabury Roads
11. Canton Playground  
South Ellwood Avenue and Boston Street
12. Easterwood Park Recreation Center  
Bentalou and Baker Streets
13. Westport Homes  
Maisel and Nevada Streets

## II. *The Conductors and Other Personnel*

### A. Weldon J. Irvine, Sr.—Baltimore Municipal Band

Music Specialist with the Bureau of Recreation; celebrated his 10th year as Conductor of the Baltimore Municipal Band.



**The Monumental City Six—Dixieland Jazz Band**

Dwight Lyle, Clarinet; Walter Marquardt, Piano; Albert Straub, Trumpet-Cornet; Michael Carmichael, Drums; Al Fabig, Trombone; John W. Spicer, Tuba.

B. Gerald Eyth—Park Concert Band

Well known composer; former Assistant Concert Master of the Baltimore Symphony Orchestra; currently on the faculty of the Peabody Conservatory of Music; celebrated his 20th year as Conductor of the Park Concert Band.

C. Charles E. Gwynn, Sr.—Baltimore Park Band

Leader of his own dance orchestra and treasurer of the Musicians Union; celebrated his 21st anniversary as Conductor of the Baltimore Park Band.

D. Dr. Leigh Martinet—Municipal Concert Band

Former Conductor of the Baltimore Civic Opera Company; celebrated his 10th season as Conductor of the Municipal Concert Band; received the degree of Doctor of Musical Arts in 1966 from the Peabody Conservatory of Music.

E. John William Spicer—Coordinator of the Monumental City Six—Dixieland Jazz Band

Member of the Municipal Concert Band for 25 years (tuba); brought together 5 more of Baltimore's top Jazz musicians for this new series.

F. Song Leaders and Soloists

1. Marvin Clark for the Municipal and Park Concert Bands.
2. Matthew Fraling for the Baltimore Municipal and Park Bands.

One of the most popular features in the program is the "Sing Along". Encouraged by the engaging personalities of the Song Leaders, audiences accompanied by the band and fortified with Song Sheets sing old favorites and currently popular songs.

For the additional pleasure of the audience, professional vocal soloists perform nightly with each band; a total of 16 vocalists throughout the season.

G. Special Groups who performed during the season with the Bands:

1. The C & P Telephone Company Glee Club.
2. Ballad Singers, Linda and Tim.
3. The Greenmount Modern Dancers.
4. Irvine and the "Impros"—a Jazz Combo.
5. Harry Pieterse and his Jazz trio.
6. Baltimore City Ballet Company.
7. Old Guard Fife & Drum Corps.

H. The Operations Crew

Superintendent of Operations—Joseph L. Esworthy  
Sound Engineer—Bernard Goins

Because of the expansion of our operations, the Bureau of Music increased its crew from 4 to 7 regular members with 4 additional relief members.



### III. *Festivals of Music* (Baltimore Memorial Stadium)

A. Thursday, July 13, 1967, 8:30 P.M.

Dr. Leigh Martinet, Conducting the combined Municipal and Park Concert Bands. A varied program of instrumental solos, 5 outstanding vocal artists and the popular "Sing Along"; attendance, over 6,000 people.

B. Monday, August 14, 1967, 8:30 P.M.

Gerald Eyth, Conducting the combined Park and Municipal Concert Bands. For the first time in our history, the Bureau of Music collaborated with the full troupe of the Baltimore City Ballet Company; Danny Diamond, Artistic Director; attendance, over 6,500 people.



During the 1968 season, the Wenger Showmobile was used for the first time in the stadium, at the August Festival of Music. Its use resulted in great improvement in the acoustics, and appearance of the set-up.

### IV. *Baltimore Symphony Orchestra*

The City of Baltimore continued its substantial support of the Baltimore Symphony Orchestra through the budget of the Bureau of Music. The City's contribution makes possible:

1. Series of Saturday night concerts.
2. Concerts given in public schools.

## V. *New Equipment*

- A. **WENGER SHOWMOBILE**  
32 foot mobile acoustical shell and outdoor stage, equipped with:
1. Hydraulic canopy lift.
  2. Built-in fluorescent lighting.
  3. Perfect acoustics.
  4. Aluminum exterior.
- B. **ONAN PORTABLE GENERATOR 4 CCK**  
For entire self-sufficiency and greater flexibility.
- C. **COMPLETE PUBLIC ADDRESS SYSTEM**  
For better quality reproduction of tone.
- D. **INTERNATIONAL HARVESTER MODEL 1300 TRUCK**  
Acquisition of this powerful model was necessary in order to pull the Showmobile (10,500 lbs.) into all locations.
- E. **350 METAL FOLDING CHAIRS**  
Replaced our old chairs, for use as audience seating at concerts.
- F. **35 MUSIC STANDS (BLACK)**  
For uniform appearance of musicians making use of them, and easier manipulation of music.
- G. **ALUMINUM SHED—MT. PLEASANT PARK**  
12' x 40' x 12', used to house Wenger Showmobile and other equipment for the Bureau of Music.



The first building to be constructed for the Bureau of Music since its inception in 1860 is this attractive aluminum storage building in Mt. Pleasant Park.

**FINANCIAL REPORT—FISCAL 1968**  
**DEPARTMENT OF RECREATION AND PARKS OPERATING BUDGET**

<i>Program Number</i>	<i>Title</i>	<i>Appropriation</i>	<i>Total Expenditure</i>
475	Administrative Direction and Control .....	\$ 127,582.00	\$ 129,832.37
476	Baltimore Symphony Orchestra Contribution .....	120,000.00	120,000.00
477	Municipal Concerts and Other Musical Events .....	64,015.00	62,337.42
478	General Park Services .....	3,283,686.00	3,470,844.24
479	Special Park Facilities .....	2,130,442.00	2,286,818.13
480	Recreational Services .....	3,101,653.00	3,086,157.37
481	Debt Service .....	1,443,332.95	1,443,332.95
502	Street Trees .....	412,502.00	463,362.52

*Special Note:*

A special appropriation by the City Council was necessary to cover unbudgeted labor costs created by the Department's participation in a crash hiring program for inner city unemployed. Federal funds anticipated for this city-wide program did not materialize. The great majority of this expenditure was in the 478, 479 and 502 programs.

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**CITY OF BALTIMORE, MARYLAND**

**July 1, 1968 to June 30, 1969**



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DEPARTMENT OF REVENUE  
AND FINANCE

CITY OF BOSTON, MASSACHUSETTS

FOR THE YEAR ENDING 1910

CITY OF BALTIMORE, MARYLAND  
DEPARTMENT OF RECREATION AND PARKS

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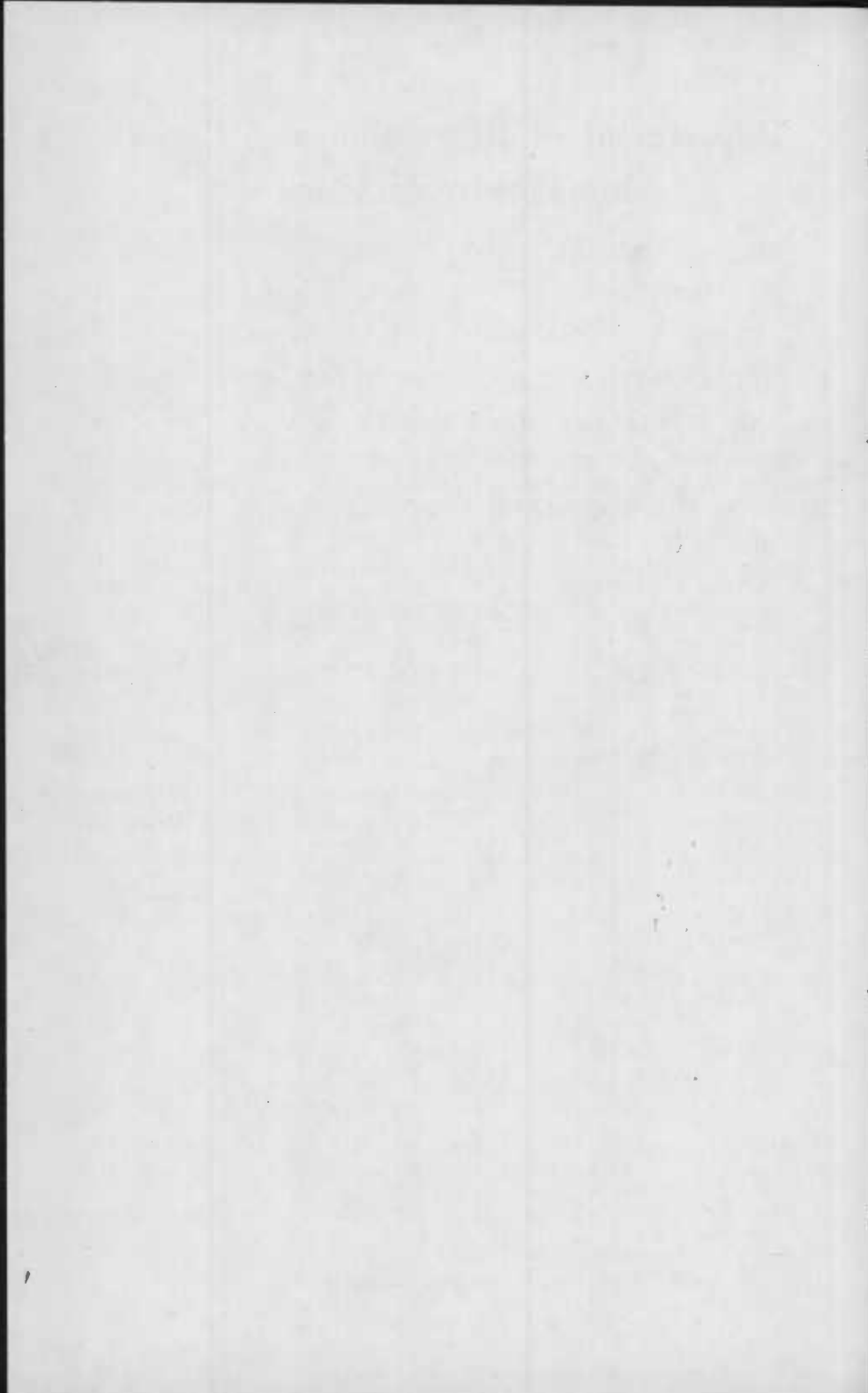
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# Department of Recreation and Parks

## ADMINISTRATIVE DIVISION

### ADMINISTRATION OFFICE

DOUGLAS S. TAWNEY, *Director*

J. IRVING GRAY, *Executive Secretary*

STEPHANIE SODARO, *Music and Administrative Supervisor*

#### BOARD OF RECREATION AND PARKS

The Board of Recreation and Parks held eleven regular meetings during fiscal 1969, July 1, 1968 to June 30, 1969. The Real Estate Committee, along with members of the Staff, conducted seven tours of inspection.

#### Board of Recreation and Parks Committees

*Budget*—Mrs. Robert L. Gill, Chairman, Samuel Hopkins, Uthman Ray, Jr., MD. and Joseph H. Rash (Ex Officio)

*Real Estate*—Harry D. Kaufman, Chairman, Mrs. M. Richmond Farring, Samuel Hopkins, and Joseph H. Rash (Ex Officio)

*Stadium*—Samuel Hopkins, Chairman, Nazzareno F. Velleggia, Harry D. Kaufman, and Joseph H. Rash (Ex Officio)

*Zoo Promotion*—Mrs. M. Richmond Farring, Chairman, Samuel Hopkins, Mrs. Robert L. Gill, and Joseph H. Rash (Ex Officio)

*Board Representative to the Art Commission of Baltimore*—Mrs. M. Richmond Farring

*Board Representative to the Civic Design Commission*—Mrs. Robert L. Gill

*Board Representative to the Health and Welfare Council of the Baltimore Area*—Mrs. M. Richmond Farring

#### CONTRACTS

The following contracts were entered into and executed by the Board of Recreation and Parks during fiscal 1969:

1. Amateur Sports Federation—Cub Baseball Day—Stadium
2. Gino's, Inc., King of Prussia, Pennsylvania—Donation of Funds for improving recreation areas
3. Maryland Scholastic Association—Division Championship Baseball Game—Stadium
4. Poly-City Football Game—Stadium
5. Loyola-Calvert Hall Football Game—Stadium

6. Baltimore Zoological Society—Zoo Fencing, Admissions, etc.
7. Stadium Scoreboard—Advertising
8. Hamilton Post No. 20, American Legion—March of Champions—Stadium
9. Colts vs. Washington Redskins Rookies Football Game—Stadium
10. Annual Orioles' Parking Lot Agreement
11. Baltimore Baseball Club, Inc.—Soccer—Stadium
12. Gas & Electric Co.—Easement, Bay Brook Park—Electrical Service
13. Baltimore Concession Co.—Ice Rinks—Patterson and Stadium
14. Praeger-Kavanagh-Waterbury, Consulting Engineers—Study, Stadium Improvements
15. Golf Pro—Clifton Park
16. Citizens for Operation Champ, Inc.—Inner City Recreation Program
17. Loch Raven Skeet and Trap Club, Inc.—Skeet and Trap Range
18. Lease—Johns Hopkins Hospital—Property 1917 E. Jefferson Street

#### PROPERTY ACQUISITIONS AND DELETIONS

Property holdings of this Department as of June 30, 1969 totaled 5918.460 acres. During fiscal 1969, 107.068 acres were acquired, and 2.782 acres deleted.

#### *Acquired*

1. 1821-27 Lemmon Street, tax sale lots: transferred from the jurisdiction of the City Comptroller to this Department. .52 acres.

2. 2230 Guilford Avenue, tax sale lot: transferred from the jurisdiction of the City Comptroller to this Department for addition to the Hunter Street Playlot. .03 acres.

3. 4517-21 Schenley Road: Building, open ground and playlot acquired by our Department from the Department of Education in 1945 and inadvertently left off the property records that year and in subsequent years. .51 acres.

4. Chick Webb Memorial Recreation Center, 623 North Eden Street: cancellation of annual ground rent of \$24.00 a year, settlement in this connection by the Law Department for \$378.00 and acquisition of the property in fee simple by our Department. .254 acres.

5. Martin Luther King Recreation Center and Playground (Originally Vincent Street Playground): acquisition of the following properties to be added to the original playground space at 122 North Vincent Street: 1627-29 West Lexington Street, 1601-03 Vine Street, 1602-04 Forney Street, 101-116 North Vincent Street. 2.54 acres.

6. Kenwood Avenue and Hudson Street: acquisition of this property for development at a later date as a playground. .18 acres.

7. Two lots located between 600 blocks of Denison Street and Edgewood Avenue and on the South side of Harlem Avenue: acquired for development at a later date as a playground. .38 acres.

8. Stricker and Ramsay Streets Property: acquisition of this property (Helfrich Lumber Co.) for \$82,500.00 for development at a later date as a playground. HUD Grant filed and approved for 50% Federal reimbursement of acquisition costs. 1.53 acres.

9. Property southeast corner of Loch Raven Boulevard and Pentwood Road: acquisition in the amount of \$45,000.00 for development at a later date as a passive park. 1.57 acres. (Pentridge Apartments will maintain)

10. Tot Lot, Lehigh and Gough Streets: acquired and developed as a tot lot. .057 acres.

11. 1125-27 North Calvert Street: acquisition of this building for \$40,000.00 for expansion of Bureau of Recreation headquarters. .12 acres.

12. Windsor Estate, Windsor Mill Road and Wetheredsville Road: acquisition for \$850,000.00 in fee simple. A State grant for acquisition has been paid in the amount of \$212,500.00 from the Outdoor Recreation Land Loan of 1968; and a \$300,000.00 Federal Open Space Grant for 30% reimbursement of development costs has been approved. 99.377 acres.

#### *Deleted*

1. Property along Northern Parkway between Hillen Road and Loch Raven Apartments: two 10 foot wide parcels of land on both sides of Northern Parkway transferred to Department of Public Works for \$4,085.32 for the widening of Northern Parkway. .46 acres.

2. Tot Lot, 1620-32 Pierce Street located in the East-West expressway corridor: transferred to Interstate Division of Bureau of Highways for \$1,300.00. .08 acres.

3. Southern half of Madison Square at Eden, Eager and Caroline Streets: transferred to Department of Housing and Community Development for \$61,625.00 for inclusion in the Urban Renewal Program. 1.81 acres.

4. Leakin Park property along Windsor Mill Road from Forest Park Avenue to Crimea Road, and property along Forest Park Avenue from Windsor Mill Road to the end of our property: transferred to Department of Public Works for widening of Windsor Mill Road and Forest Park Avenue. .432 acres.

#### *Right of Use*

Park property located in lower Herring Run adjacent to Fire School at 6720 Pulaski Highway will be used by the school for a

5 year period. Title remains with our Department; privilege can be withdrawn at any time if property is needed for use by this Department. 1.2 acres.

#### **RENAMING OF DEPARTMENTAL PROPERTIES**

The Board of Recreation and Parks approved the following changes:

1. October 15, 1968, 502-518 Presstman Street Playground: renamed "Reverend L.N. Quille Playground."

2. March 18, 1969, Recreation Center to be built in conjunction with the Commodore John Rodgers School #27, Fayette and Chester Streets: named the "Ralph J. Young Recreation Center."

3. May 20, 1969, Hunter Street Playground between 2100 North Calvert Street and Guilford Avenue: renamed "King and Kennedy Square."

#### **CHANGES IN THE BOARD OF RECREATION AND PARKS**

Nazzareno F. Velleggia was appointed to the Board by Mayor D'Alesandro on February 3, 1969, to fill the unexpired term of Paul K. Hampshire, who resigned on January 23, 1969.

The Department is indebted to Mr. Hampshire, who was appointed to the Board in 1961, was elected Vice-President in 1966, and also served as Chairman of the Budget Committee since 1967. His tenure was a distinguished one in which he worked tirelessly and effectively toward fulfilling the growing needs of the Department.

#### **PERSONNEL CHANGES**

After 13 years of loyal service with our Department and 43 years as a city employee, William Buddemeyer retired from his duties as Senior Civil Engineer in the Engineering Division.

Samuel P. Framm was appointed to fill the vacancy created by Mr. Buddemeyer.

## ENGINEERING DIVISION

GERALD W. BUNN, *Principal Engineer*

WILLIAM B. ELKINS, *Senior Civil Engineer*

SAMUEL P. FRAMM, *Senior Civil Engineer*

The Engineering Division serves both the Bureau of Parks and the Bureau of Recreation in many and varied ways. Projects of diversified nature are designed and the construction is carried out through contracts let by this office, or the other Bureaus of this Department. It is the responsibility of this office to see that all construction contracts, with the exception of those supervised by the Bureau of Inspection, are properly carried out. Field surveys of all types are performed, and engineering assistance is rendered in our cooperative projects with other Departments.

- A. The following projects were designed and contracts let and supervised by the Engineering Division:
1. Mt. Pleasant Golf Course Irrigation System.
  2. Resurfacing Playgrounds & Game Courts—Various Locations:
    - (a) Garrett Park
    - (b) Cloverdale Playground
    - (c) Joseph Lee Playground
    - (d) Gardenville Playground
    - (e) Curtis Bay Playground
    - (f) Towanda Playfield
    - (g) Easterwood Basketball Court
    - (h) Argonne Playground
    - (i) Chestnut Hill Playground
    - (j) Buena Vista Playground
    - (k) Luzerne Playground
    - (l) Druid Hill Tennis Courts
    - (m) Easterwood Tennis Courts
  3. Reroofing Clifton Pool Bath House
  4. King and Kennedy Square
  5. Concrete Footways & Floor Slabs—Various Locations
    - (a) Art Museum Drive
    - (b) Burdick Park
    - (c) Showmobile Building
    - (d) Storage Bldg. Mt. Pleasant Golf Course
    - (e) Storage Bldg. Druid Hill Park
  6. Renovation of Martin Luther King, Jr. Recreation Center
  7. Repairs to Mammal House Corridor Doors
  8. Replacement of Football Press Box Windows—Stadium

9. Repair to expansion Joints—Stadium
  10. Vincent Street Shelter
  11. New Field Lighting—Stadium
  12. Lighting of Basketball and Tennis Courts at Various Locations.
- B. Designed by others—Contracts let and supervised by the Engineering Division.
1. Johnston Square and Collington Square Playgrounds
  2. Wegworth Playfield
  3. Landscaping of Carroll-Caton Mansion Garden
- C. Designed by others—Engineering assistance during design and construction:
1. Carroll Park Club House
  2. Landscaping of Carroll-Caton Mansion
  3. Steuart Hill Recreation Center
  4. Rognel Heights Recreation Center
  5. Woodhome Recreation Center
  6. Edgecombe Recreation Center
  7. Furley & Sipple Recreation Center
  8. James McHenry School #10 Recreation Center
- D. Designed by Engineering Division—Constructed by Construction Division:
1. Two Highlandtown Tot Lots.
- E. Miscellaneous Engineering Services:
1. Topographical surveys and stakeouts were made at various locations throughout the Park System.

## PROJECTS AND FACILITIES

### DEPARTMENT OF RECREATION AND PARKS

#### COMPLETED PROJECTS AND FACILITIES OPEN

The following were completed between July 1, 1968 and June 30, 1969 at a total cost of \$1,658,186.18, which includes Architect's fees, contract and 1% art ordinance costs:

#### *Monuments—City-Wide, Phase I*

##### *General Pulaski Monument*

Contract awarded to S.S.C. Corporation for \$2,227.50. Work involved construction of concrete sidewalk, fencing and landscaping the area, placement of six oak trees, ivy and shrubbery, and erection of old Clifton Park Lake fence around the Monument.

*Mammal House Eaves and Corridor Doors*

The Masonry Construction Co. completed eaves for \$1,931.00.

Yankee Engineering Co. replaced eight sliding doors for \$3,000.00 and replaced remaining number of service corridor doors for \$885.00.

*Carroll-Caton Mansion*

Contract awarded to Ebert and Asso., Inc. for \$22,318.00 for development of the garden in the rear of the Mansion.

*Replacement of Football Press Box Windows—Stadium*

Contract awarded to Lumidor Manufacturing Corporation for \$4,950.00

*1821-27 Lemmon Street Playground*

Completed by our Construction Division for \$3,000.00.

*Trolley Museum Building—Jones Falls Valley Park*

Contract awarded to Steel Buildings Corporation for \$45,458.00; concrete flooring installed.

*Expansion Joints—Upper Deck—Stadium*

Contract awarded to Rock Hill Construction Co. for \$2,450.00.

*John Eager Howard Elementary School #61—School Recreation Center*

Linden Avenue and Konig Street. Contract awarded to Cam Construction Co. for \$264,000.00.

*1604-1606 Argyle Avenue Playground*

Old building on premises demolished by Larkin Company for \$2,270.00. Contract for Playground awarded to Ratrie, Robbins, and Schweizer, Inc. for \$68,516.00 for this, and Baltimore Street and Warwick Avenue; Presstman Street; and Fawcett Street and Hampden Avenue Playgrounds.

*Baltimore Street and Warwick Avenue Playground*

Contract awarded to Ratrie, Robbins, and Schweizer, Inc.

*502-518 Presstman Street Playground*

Property purchased for \$5,000.00. Contract for playground awarded to Ratrie, Robbins and Schweizer, Inc.

*Fawcett Street and Hampden Avenue Playground*

Contract for playground awarded to Ratrie, Robbins and Schweizer, Inc.

*McKim Playground*

Baltimore and Aisquith Streets. BOR Federal grant for development for which our Department received 50% reimbursement; Contract awarded to P. Flanigan & Sons for \$89,490.00.



### *Patterson Park Ice Rink*

Contract awarded to Starcon, Inc., for \$239,530.00. Rink opened December 6, 1968.

### *Cylburn Mansion Roof—Repair—North Wing*

Contract awarded to John H. Cole & Sons, for \$785.00.

### *Stadium Surface Repair—Upper and Lower Decks*

Contract awarded to Maryland Monolithic Floors for \$3,900.00.

### *Martin Luther King, Jr. Recreation Center*

122 N. Vincent Street between Fayette and Lexington Streets. Contract awarded to Rock Hill Construction Co. for \$28,680.00 for renovation of existing warehouse.

### *Luzerne Playground Field House—General Repairs*

Field House repaired by our Construction Division; new drinking fountain installed; \$15,000.00 was allotted to this project. Playground resurfaced under contract to P. Flanigan & Sons, Inc. (one of 11 locations)

### *Stadium Lighting*

Contract awarded to Steber Division of the Pyle National Company for \$106,850.00 on the proposal which approximately doubled the high intensity of light. Erected by Welsbach Corp.

### *Major Repairs to Roof on Clifton Pool*

Contract awarded to Charles F. Ruff & Co. for \$17,760.00 for reroofing of Bath Houses.

### *Patterson Park Music Pavilion*

Repair to roof under contract on a cost plus basis to Korb Roofers. Purchase Order for furnace awarded to Goldman Plumbing Co. for \$2,449.00. Interior painting of structure and rest rooms, and repairs to windows and porch floor completed by our Construction Division. Total cost of project—\$20,000.00.

### *1315 Druid Hill Avenue—Park Playground*

Joint Project by our Department and Community Action Agency for passive park. Our amount of participation—\$15,000.00.

### *Miscellaneous Fences, Structures, Footways*

- a) Animal Medical Room at zoo completed.
- b) Contract for \$12,092.00 awarded to Ruxton Contracting Co. for the following concrete floors and sidewalks:  
Completed Floors: Wenger Showmobile Shed, Mt. Pleasant Shop Building, Forestry Shop Building, Trolley Museum Bldg.  
Completed Sidewalks: Burdick and Wyman Parks
- c) New Playground equipment installed at Maiden Choice Playground, and the old equipment refurbished. Total cost of projects—\$20,000.00.

### *Drinking Fountains, Park System*

Replacement of five existing fountains in each of the five districts by our Construction Division. \$10,000.00 was allotted for the project.

### *Stadium Feasibility Study*

The firm of Praeger-Kavanagh-Waterbury was appointed to make a survey of Memorial Stadium to create a master plan for future improvements and development; cost of study—\$45,000.00.

### *Renovate Cages, Paint Polar Bear Pool*

New bottom placed in Polar Bear Pool by Ruxton Construction Co. for \$2,100.00. Camel House renovated, four lion cages painted, owl and vulture cages replaced by our forces. \$15,000.00 was allotted for the project.

### *Two Highlandtown Tot Lots*

Lehigh and Foster Streets, and Lehigh and Gough Streets. Areas were paved, fenced, and trees planted by our forces, playground apparatus was placed at a total cost of \$14,732.78.

### *James McHenry School #10 School Recreation Center*

Hollins and Schroeder Streets. Contract awarded to Mac Leod Construction Co., Inc. for \$1,823,000.00. Our Department transferred \$180,000.00 to the Department of Education for the Recreation Center.

### *Bay Brook Recreation Center and Playground*

6th and 10th Streets. Contract awarded to Northern Chesapeake Construction Co. for \$297,700.00.

### *Sports Lighting of Various Sites*

The following locations were let at a cost of \$12,000.00 under the existing contract with the Welsbach Corp.:

Cloverdale playground	Wilkins Playground
Joseph Lee Playfield	South Baltimore Playground
Northwood School Playground	Cecil Elementary School
Lexington Terrace (HCD)	Martin Luther King, Jr.
Roosevelt Park	Playground
	Lyndhurst Playground

### *Blacktopping of Various Sites*

Contract awarded to low bidder, P. Flanigan & Sons, Inc. for \$37,825.00 for the following locations:

Garrett Park	Easterwood Basketball Ct.
Cloverdale Playground	& Tennis Ct.
Joseph Lee Playfield	Argonne Playground
Gardenville Playfield	Chestnut Hill Playground
Curtis Bay Playground	Buena Vista Playground
Towanda Playfield	Luzerne Playground
	Druid Hill Tennis Cts.
	(adjoining St. Paul Cemetary)

## WORK UNDER CONTRACT DURING FISCAL YEAR 1969

Projects under contract totaled \$2,469,955.00

### *Steuart Hill School Recreation Center (Union Square)*

Lombard and Gilmore Streets. Architects, Tatar and Kelly. Contract for school and recreation center awarded to Phillip Vizzini and Son for \$1,959,000.00. Our share of cost—\$180,000.00. Project is 95% complete.

### *Rognel Heights School Recreation Center*

Sidehill and Seminole Avenues. Architects, Hebrank and Pippen. Contract for school and recreation center awarded to Lacchi Construction Co. for \$2,037,000.00. Our portion to cost \$205,000.00 Project is 44% complete.

### *Wegworth Lane Playfield*

Wegworth Lane, Eastshire Drive and Old Annapolis Road. Knecht & Human, Architects. Contract awarded to Baltimore Asphalt Paving Co., for \$374,875.00. A 50% development grant (BOR) has been approved. Project is 38% complete.

### *Carroll Park Club House*

Washington Boulevard and Gwynns Falls Parkway. B.F. Owen & Associates, Architects. Contract awarded to Starcon, Inc. for \$154,620.00. Project is 27% complete.

### *Irrigation—Mt. Pleasant Golf Course*

Plans completed by our Engineering Division. Contract awarded to Universal Irrigation Co., Inc. for \$105,728.00. Project is 90% complete.

### *Furley School Recreation Center*

Furley and Sipple Avenues. Architects, Tyler, Siegle & McShane. Contract awarded to Cam Construction Co. for \$308,000.00. Project is 13% complete.

### *Johnston Square*

Valley and Chase Streets. Jack Daft & Associates, Landscape Architects. Contract for this and Collington Square awarded to P. Flanigan & Sons, Inc. for \$249,890.00. Project is 15% complete.

### *Collington Square*

Patterson Park Avenue and Preston Street. Jack Daft and Associates, Landscape Architects. Contract for this and Johnston Square awarded to P. Flanigan & Sons, Inc. for \$249,890.00. Project is 15% complete.

### *Edgecombe School Recreation Center*

2835 Virginia Avenue. Contract awarded to Cam Construction Co. for \$233,000.00. Project is 24% complete.

### *King & Kennedy Square*

Between 2100 N. Calvert Street and Guilford Avenue. Tax sale property at 2230 Guilford Avenue has been acquired. Ordinance requested to close 221½ Street and 5 foot alley running to the south thereof. Contract awarded to Joseph Averza & Sons, Inc. for \$23,353.00. Project is 95% complete.

### *Ralph J. Young Recreation Center & Playground*

Fayette and Chester Streets. Van Fossen Schwab, Architect. Contract awarded to Lacchi Construction Co. for \$3,430,000.00. Our share of costs—\$330,000.00. Project is 7% complete.

### *Woodhome School Recreation Center*

Moyer and Clearview Avenues. Architect, J. Prentiss Browne. Contract awarded to Lacchi Construction Co. for \$247,700.00. Project is 22% complete.

### *Renovation Work—Recreation Pier*

Norman Kelly, Architect. Contract awarded to John A. Schaefer Co., Inc. for \$46,300.00. Construction has not yet started.

### *Hamilton Recreation Center—Air Conditioning*

Our Engineering Division design and inspection. Contract awarded to the Marin Corp. for \$11,489.00.

## STATEMENT OF LOAN FUNDS

On Election day, Tuesday, November 5, 1968 the Department of Recreation and Parks was successful in its bid for passage of a \$4,000,000.00 loan proposal.

The program for accomplishment under this bond issue to be undertaken during the Fiscal years of 1970 and 1971 includes the following projects:

Inner City Playgrounds—generally tax sale or city owned land development. -----	\$ 200,000.00
School Recreation Center, Playfield Acquisition and Development—In conjunction with a community school construction in the Upton Renewal Area at Pennsylvania Avenue, Dolphin Street and Lafayette Avenue Area. -----	\$1,050,000.00
Playfield—City Spring Area—Land acquisition, demolition and possible development for inner city playfield, Pratt and Spring Streets. -----	\$ 500,000.00
Playground—Broadway & North Avenue—Land acquisition and development. -----	\$ 300,000.00
7 Recreation Centers -----	\$1,950,000.00

- (1) School #50—Coldstream Park—Filmore St. off of Kirk Avenue
- (2) School #23—Wolfe & Gough Streets or School #6, Fleet & Aliceanna Streets
- (3) School #103 and #111—Mount and Winchester Sts. To include a playfield.
- (4) Leith Walk School #245—Sherwood Ave. & Leith Walk
- (5) Carroll Park—Washington Blvd. and Bayard St.
- (6) School #150—Saratoga & Bentalou Sts.
- (7) School #33 and/or #92—to be located in South Baltimore Inner Harbor

## BUREAU OF PARKS

CHARLES A. YOUNG, JR., *Superintendent of Parks*

WILLIAM R. SCHMIDT, JR., *Assistant Superintendent of Parks*

LESTER L. STRAW, *Assistant Superintendent of Parks*

NORMAN W. DAUGHERTY, *Senior Administrative Assistant*

### *Administration*

#### A. Personnel Changes

The following changes in staff personnel were effected during the year:

1. November 9, 1968—Lester L. Straw from City Forester to Assistant Superintendent of Parks.

2. August 5, 1968—Ralph M. Quinn, Jr. appointed Assistant City Forester; November 9, 1968 asked to serve as Acting City Forester.

3. December 21, 1968—Thomas C. Chase, Jr. appointed District Superintendent of Parks for the Carroll Division.

#### B. New Position

December 12, 1968, Louis Cavallaro appointed to the newly created position of Assistant Stadium Manager which replaced the Park Maintenance General Foreman position at the Stadium.

#### C. Retirement

On December 31, 1968, after 51 years of faithful and productive service, Mr. Harry Kues retired from the Bureau of Parks. Mr. Kues' first recorded employment with the bureau was May 19, 1919, when he was selected as a Gardener and Pruner in the Carroll Division. On November 22, 1948, he was appointed District Super-

intendent of Parks at Carroll and served with distinction in this capacity until his retirement.

#### D. Donation

Mr. Alan Ameche, of King of Prussia, Pennsylvania, a former Baltimore Colt Star, has offered to donate, personally, a total of \$97,000 to the Bureau of Parks for the renovation of eight inner city playlots, the construction of a little league ball diamond at the Joseph Lee Playfield and the erection of fencing, and a scoreboard at Sloman field and fencing, a scoreboard and bleachers at the D'Alesandro field. The work at the Sloman and D'Alesandro fields has been completed and the installation of blacktopping, fencing and playground equipment at the eight playlots is in process. Alan Ameche is to be commended for his generosity and public spirited attitude.

### REPORT FROM THE FIVE PARK DISTRICTS

Baltimore is divided into five Park Districts which are charged with the responsibility of cutting grass, weeding, raking leaves, cleaning and removing trash, preparing athletic areas, replacing broken equipment and repairing small damages, minor developing of new areas, maintaining buildings and monuments and operating six outdoor swimming pools, the bathing beaches at Fort Smallwood and the five municipal golf courses. In addition to this routine maintenance, special projects are performed each year which are worthy of recognition. A list of these accomplishments and other significant events by district follows:

#### I. CARROLL DIVISION

THOMAS C. CHASE, JR., *Superintendent*

##### A. Major Maintenance and Development Projects

1. Renovation of the Carroll Park Stable and conversion into an attractive meeting room under contract let by Colonial Dames of America.
2. Ground broken in November, 1968 for new Club House at Carroll Park Golf Course.
3. Renovation and repainting of the Administration Building at Fort Smallwood for use by the Bureau of Recreation Camp Variety project.
4. Ground broken in March, 1969, for construction of Wegworth playfield at Rittenhouse Avenue and Old Annapolis Road.
5. Fertilization program carried out at Carroll Park Golf Course, Swann Park and Carroll Park. Limestone applied to golf course, Carroll Park and Cherry Hill Park.
6. Reconditioning of bathing beaches #1 and #2 at Ft. Smallwood.

7. Resodding of all tees on the Carroll Park Golf Course.
8. Planting of forty sapling trees on the golf course and fifteen saplings at Federal Hill Park.

## B. Special Events

1. Garden Party held by the Colonial Dames of America at Carroll Mansion to raise funds for renovation of the stable. Our forces painted the exterior of the mansion and erected a snow fence around the party area to contribute to the success of the affair.

2. Second annual Spring Festival sponsored by the East Brooklyn Civic League for the children of the Wagner's Point Community, May 25, 1969.

3. Celebration held at Federal Hill Park, May 11, 1969, to commemorate the 181st anniversary of the naming of the hill. A marker describing the significance of the hill erected at the ceremony. In preparation, our forces painted the flag pole and recreation building.

4. At Fort Smallwood, the Bureau of Recreation sponsored a summer camp for 400 handicapped children to run from June through August and the Northern Branch of the YMCA of Anne Arundel County operated a day camp for 60 to 75 children during the same period.

## II. CLIFTON DIVISION

FRANCIS R. JONES, *Superintendent*

### A. Major Maintenance and Development Projects

1. Repair to extensively damaged Clifton band shell set afire by vandals. Surrounding grounds cleaned, graded and seeded.

2. Grading, top dressing, seeding and mulching field behind the Clifton pool.

3. Installation of two new roofs on the Clifton pool's men's and women's locker rooms badly damaged by vandals. Also, new urinals, sinks and toilets were required.

4. Resodding of all tees at Clifton and Mt. Pleasant Golf Courses.

5. Cleaning and restoring area at Coxen's Meadow in Herring Run Park extensively damaged by storms.

6. Clearing newly acquired Pentwood Road area of all logs and brush.

7. Installation of new playground equipment: two see-saws, a merry-go-round, a basketball court and a volley ball court at Chinquapin playground.

8. Installation of new double-hooded backstop at Coxen's Meadow in Herring Run Park.

9. Renovation of King and Kennedy Square to include blacktopping, fencing and installation of modern play equipment.

10. Donation of blacktopping by local contractor used to build new road into the shop area at Mt. Pleasant and also to construct several additional cart paths.

11. Fertilizer was applied to the two golf courses and to Herring Run Park in the Hall Spring area. Limestone was also spread on the golf courses and also on lawn areas at DeWees, Burdick Park, Springlake Way and St. Albans Way. Weedicide was sprayed on the center strips in the Alameda, Norman Avenue, Crossland Ave., Springlake Way and St. Albans Way.

12. Work began on March 10, 1969 to install an automatic irrigation system at the Mt. Pleasant Golf Course.

#### B. Special Events

1. A total of five golf tournaments held at Mt. Pleasant and Clifton Courses.

2. The annual Hole-in-one Event held at Mt. Pleasant from July 18-22, 1968.

3. Bureau of Recreation Swim Meets held at Clifton Pool July 6, August 3 and August 25, 1968. Their Learn-to-Swim classes attracted 1,028 youngsters.

4. The following meets held at the enclosed field in Clifton Park.

a. The United States Youth Games Tryout Meet

b. The Bureau of Recreation Pentathlon Trials

c. The Junior Municipal Games Track Meet

5. The Municipal Tennis Championships held at the Clifton Tennis Courts.

6. At Graham Park, a YMCA Ranch Day Camp conducted from July 1 to August 2, 1968.

7. Loyola College held a Cross Country meet with three other colleges on October 9, 1968, at Herring Run Park.

### III. DRUID HILL DIVISION

ROBERT L. ARO, *Superintendent*

#### A. Major Maintenance and Development Projects

1. Removal of old shrubbery from the bank to the south of the Central Office which was then graded and topsoil, fertilizer, seed and mulch applied.

2. Razing of fire damaged old barn in the shop area in Druid Hill Park and cleaning and grading of site.

3. Topdressing, seeding and fertilizing of the squares on McMechan Street. One square at McMechan and Eutaw protected with 80 posts and 600 feet of chain.



4. Repair of lawns at Roosevelt, Wyman, Towanda and Druid Hill Parks with topsoil, fertilizer and mulch. Other lawn areas in the district damaged by salt and vehicles during the winter also repaired with topsoil, seed and sod.

5. Removal of unused driveway in Druid Hill Park; area treated with topsoil, grass seed and mulch.

6. Replacement of one hundred fifty guard posts in Wyman and Druid Hill Parks.

7. Removal of dressing booths on the men's side of Druid Hill Park pool and installation of new benches. All the dressing area was then painted.

8. Installation of new roof and painting of grandstand in Roosevelt Park.

9. Laying of tile drain in Wyman Park to control a spring keeping the area wet.

10. Rebuilding of ladies' tees at Pine Ridge Golf Course. Repair of bare areas on the fairways, near the greens and on the tees. Dirt caddy cart paths repaired on the courses.

11. Resurfacing of basketball courts at Cloverdale, Towanda and Buena Vista playgrounds; and three tennis courts at Towanda and three at Druid Hill Park. Floodlights installed at Cloverdale basketball courts.

12. Installation of new basketball court and new playground equipment at Fawcett Street Playground.

13. Construction of new playground, The Reverend L. N. Quille, at 502-518 Presstman Street with modern playground equipment and a basketball court.

14. Installation at the Schenley Road property of a basketball backboard and twelve foot merry-go-round. New set of swings installed at the Cloverdale Playground.

## B. Special Events

1. The Lady Carling Golf Tournament held at the Pine Ridge Golf Course June 5-8, 1969.

2. A total of five other tournaments were held at Pine Ridge course.

3. The annual Outdoor Art Show held on May 25, 1969, around the Druid Hill Lake.

4. During their convention, the "Little People of America" staged a baseball exhibition in Druid Hill Park.

5. The annual State Championship softball play-off games held in Druid Hill Park.

6. Two Baltimore open tennis tournaments conducted on the clay courts at the Conservatory in Druid Hill Park.

#### IV. GWYNNS FALLS DIVISION

ALVIN E. ALLEN, *Superintendent*

##### A. Major Maintenance and Development Projects

1. Construction of the Lemmon Street Tot Lot in the rear of the 1800 block Pratt Street.
2. Addition of a football field to existing facilities at Lyndhurst Playfield.
3. Installation of barricade around parking area at Bloomingdale Oval to protect lawn area.
4. Renovation of lawn areas including grading, spreading topsoil and sodding or seeding at upper Hanlon Park, Easterwood Park, Maiden Choice Park, Martin Luther King, Jr. Playground and lower Gwynns Falls Park.
5. Treatment of lawn area at Forest Park Golf Course, thirty acre area in Gwynns Falls Park, areas in Hanlon Park, Maiden Choice Park and seven acres of lawn throughout the district.
6. Installation of new water line to service fountain in upper Hanlon Park.
7. Various improvements made at Forest Park Golf Course, including stripping and resodding of all tees and approaches to three greens; dismantling old Club House and clearing area after several vandal-set fires.

##### B. Special Events

1. The City's Little League Championship games played at Sloman Field in Leakin Park.
2. The Rolling Road Art League conducted semi-weekly meetings at Bergner Mansion and held professional portrait exhibitions.
3. The mansion house at Leakin Park utilized for meetings by the League of Maryland Horsemen and the golf clubhouse for meetings of the Forest Park Golf Club.
4. A total of four tournaments were featured at the Forest Park Golf Course.

#### V. PATTERSON DIVISION

FRANK T. BUTLER, *Superintendent*

##### A. Major Maintenance and Development Projects

1. Development of two small tot lots in the Highlandtown area with blacktopping, fencing, trees and playground equipment.
2. Refurbishing of playground at Ellsworth Street with new paving, fencing and playground equipment.
3. Renovation of Princeton Place playground with new fencing and replacement of vandalized playground equipment.

4. Installation of new fencing, paving and playground equipment at Shuter Street Tot Lot.

5. Building of an additional little league ball field with a backstop at the Joseph Lee Playfield.

6. Clearing of two additional acres of undeveloped land at Denview Way.

7. Redesign of the Pulaski Monument area in Patterson Park through the combined efforts of the Construction, Horticultural and Patterson Divisions.

#### B. Special Events

1. Annual Flower Mart at the Washington Monument and "I Am An American Day" parade at Patterson.

2. The Pagoda in Patterson Park was visited by 60,257 persons.

3. The Police Department held a "National Police Week" exhibit in Memorial Plaza and the Fire Department a Spring Clean-up Campaign exhibit in the Hopkins Plaza.

4. A parade on Washington's birthday sponsored by the National Sojourners and the C. Markland Kelly, Jr. post of the American Legion.

5. Annual Christmas lighting ceremonies took place at Mt. Vernon Square and in Hopkins Plaza.

6. The Greater Baltimore Arts Festival Committee held a five-day art show at the Hopkins Plaza.

### REPORT FROM THE FIVE SPECIAL DIVISIONS

In addition to the five divisions just described, the Bureau of Parks is further divided into five special divisions. Three of these, the Construction, Forestry and Horticulture Divisions, embrace special skills which are employed throughout the system. Experience has shown that these functions are utilized more efficiently when combined into separate units. The remaining two divisions supervise the operation and maintenance of the Stadium and the Zoo.

#### VI. CONSTRUCTION DIVISION

GEORGE L. NICKEL, *Superintendent*

This division is responsible for the repair and renovation of all park structures, roads, footways and surfaced areas; for the maintenance of electrical, plumbing and heating facilities and the inspection of park lighting maintenance and power consumption. Major projects completed during the year are as follows:

##### A. Major Repairs and Installations

1. Renovation of Curtis Bay, Latrobe, Luzerne, Orleans Street and Hanlon Park shelters.
2. Erection of steel bleachers seating 400 people at Cherry Hill Park.
3. Construction of seven cabanas and major repairs to Administration Building at Fort Smallwood.
4. Repaired fire damage to Music Pavilion in Clifton Park and Forest Park Golf Course snack bar.
5. Renovation of the Patterson Park Music Pavilion, Phase I, was completed by installing a heating plant, removing and rebuilding the north porch, painting interior, adding new lighting, installing a kitchen for Golden Age Club, repairing the main roof, installing masonry porch floors, and modernizing the comfort facilities.
6. Installation of new heating system at the Carroll Park Office.
7. Major repairs to the Riverside and Clifton Park Swimming Pool filter lines.
8. Renewing of all heating pipes in boiler room of garage building in Druid Hill Park.
9. Repair of 260 lineal feet of water pipe at Hanlon Park.
10. Replaced two heating boilers at the zoo.
11. Installation of 130 feet of curb and construction of road to connect Waterview Avenue with the Broening Park parking lot.
12. Installation of 33 new bubble drinking fountains.
13. Construction of Lemmon Street, Gough Street and Foster Avenue Playgrounds.
14. Major repairs to Stadium and Venable Parking Lots.
15. Construction of Medical Aid Station and morgue at the Mammal House.

#### B. Electrical

1. Replaced 4,288 feet of underground street light and power cable.
2. Rewiring of the Forest Park Golf Course snack bar because of fire damage.
3. Overhauling of the sewerage pumping stations at Pine Ridge Golf Course and Druid Hill Swimming Pool.

#### C. Painting

1. Replacement of 188 glass panes in the Druid Hill Park greenhouses.
2. Painting of Cylburn Mansion, Cylburn Garage Building, Carroll Mansion, Clifton Park Music Pavilion, Hillsdale Shop Building and Hutton Mansion.

## VII. FORESTRY DIVISION

RALPH M. QUINN, *Acting City Forester*

The Forestry Division functioned without the services of an Assistant City Forester for the major portion of the year while awaiting an examination for the position by the Civil Service Commission. A nurseryman was selected permitting continuous attention to the tree nursery.

The normal rainfall of early 1968 did not continue through the summer months. Beginning in mid-September normal precipitation was experienced until January when an eleven inch deficiency was generated for the balance of the reported year. This deficiency resulted in a severe loss of newly planted saplings and will undoubtedly weaken those saplings not now dead.

In the planting activities, particular attention was given to replacing the saplings lost on the city streets in previous years. Of the 4450 saplings planted, 3247 were replacements and 1203 were new plantings. The Steuart Hill Code Enforcement Area received 568 saplings and the Gay Street I Urban Renewal Project received 88 saplings.

### A. Major Maintenance and Planting Activities

1. Extensive pruning of 16,948 young trees planted in the Master Planting Plan was accomplished; an increase of 110% over the previous year. Watering trees was increased threefold.

2. Removal of the number of trees for control of Dutch elm disease continued to decrease while the spraying of elm trees for control of this disease returned to 6232, the level of FY 1967.

3. Planting of 434 trees in the parks was approximately twice the accomplishment of FY 1968.

4. Vandalism caused the curtailment of erection of Christmas trees: City Hall Plaza, Hopkins Plaza and Charles Plaza, Memorial Stadium and the Washington Monument received trees.

A review of major Forestry activities is as follows:

	FY 1969	FY 1968
Trees Pruned		
Parks -----	532	2,039
Highways -----	16,948	7,672
Total -----	17,480	9,711
Trees Planted		
Parks -----	434	223
Highways -----	4,450	4,886
Other Agencies -----	95	10
Total -----	4,979	5,119

Trees Removed		
Parks -----	424	878
Highways -----	3,069	2,750
Other Agencies -----	116	10
Total by Forestry -----	3,609	3,638
Total by Contract -----	997	698
Total -----	4,606	4,336
Trees Sprayed		
Parks -----	705	828
Highways -----	7,927	10,849
Total -----	8,632	11,677
Trees Cultivated		
Parks -----	117	363
Highways -----	10,142	21,549
Total -----	10,259	21,912
Stumps Removed		
Parks -----	183	365
Highways -----	767	516
Total -----	950	881

## VIII. HORTICULTURE DIVISION

GERARD J. MOUDRY, *Horticulturist*

The activities of this division were taken up with the operation of greenhouse complexes at Cylburn Park and Druid Hill Park, the maintenance of the outdoor gardens located in various parks, the supervision of the Wildflower Preserve and Garden Center at Cylburn Park and decoration services.

### A. Indoor Gardening

1. Indoor gardening involved displaying of seasonal flowers and tropical plants and the production of 100,000 units of bedding plants and 15,000 potted plants.

2. The Palm House and Conservatory in Druid Hill Park were visited by 35,200 persons during the year with particular attention being given to the Chrysanthemum display in December and the Spring display during March and April.

### B. Outdoor Gardening

1. One hundred display beds were maintained at the following locations:

Carroll Division	5
Clifton Division	9

Druid Hill Division	24
Gwynns Falls Division	24
Horticulture Division	19
Patterson Division	17
Stadium Division	2

Each bed was planted with annuals and 50 of the beds were planted with bulbs for spring blooming.

2. At Sherwood Gardens 5,000 pansy plants and 30,000 tulips were planted for the Spring flower display.

### C. Cylburn Park

1. The Cylburn Wildflower Preserve and Garden Center was visited by 17,890 school children and 11,726 persons for other activities. The Park Naturalist acquainted the children with natural history as it exists in a woodland.

2. The Sunday Open House and informal education program, the library, museum and mounted bird specimens continued to attract visitors to this unique natural setting.

3. During the year the Wildflower Society celebrated its 15th anniversary and the First Market Day was held on September 14. The proceeds of this event are used to finance programs at the Wildflower Preserve and Garden Center.

## IX. STADIUM

WILLIAM H. TRAGESER, *Stadium Manager*

### A. Major Maintenance and Development Projects

1. Installation after thorough study by our Engineers and staff, of 512 mercury vapor lights at the Stadium. These units were integrated with the existing 726 reflectorized incandescent lamps and the combination produced one of the finest lighting systems in any Stadium in the country.

2. Relocation of the skating shop from the Stadium office area to a location adjacent to the rink to consolidate skating, concession and warm-up area activities.

3. Additional men's and women's restrooms were constructed on the ground floor level outside of the new skate shop for use by skaters, other patrons and employees.

4. Two additional, permanent ticket booths were constructed at the E-4 and W-4 entrances replacing the portable wooden booths which had been vulnerable to vandalism.

5. Installation of new, horizontally sliding press box windows of aluminum and tempered glass.

6. Acquisition of new loadpacker for trash removal.

7. Repainting of the police command post and employees quarters; and tile laid on the floor.

8. Resurfacing of floors in the two commissaries on the upper promenade.
9. Repacking and installation of aluminum cover plates over the expansion joints in the upper promenade.
10. Overhauling one compressor at the ice rink.
11. Performing a complete preventive maintenance program on the Stadium's electrical distribution equipment.
12. Retubing the domestic hot water boiler.

B. Special Events

1. The annual Christmas Tree Sale held from December 14th through the 25th.
2. Twenty-eight bus trips originated from the Stadium parking lots.
3. A driver training course conducted by the Department of Education held on the Stadium parking lot.

C. Details of Stadium Revenue excluding Stadium Ice Rink

Type of Event	No. of Uses	Gross Attendance	Rental Revenue	Concession Revenue
Professional Baseball	73	943,609	\$135,705.79	\$ 99,129.42
Professional Soccer	11	37,930	37,101.89	1,884.88
Professional Football	9	497,701	210,071.59	33,105.43
Fireworks—July 4th	1	21,545	1,000.00	1,117.12
Festival of Music	2	7,860	.....	104.22
March of Champions	1	15,075	750.00	884.95
Amateur Sports	1	814	334.65	98.21
City-Poly Football	1	16,476	175.00	917.65
Loyola-Calvert Hall	1	9,402	175.00	459.73
Decency Rally	1	Est. 40,000	.....	1,113.29
High School Baseball	1	1,733	204.25	94.44
<b>TOTALS</b>	<b>102</b>	<b>1,592,145</b>	<b>\$385,518.17</b>	<b>\$138,909.34</b>

TOTAL RENTAL REVENUE	\$385,518.17
TOTAL CONCESSION REVENUE	138,909.34
SALE OF UTILITIES	20,202.61
REIMBURSEMENT from Colts for lights, field restoration, and extra handling of tarp	6,215.60
PARKING REVENUE:	
Stadium	14,418.30
Venable	24,593.06
PARKING LOT LICENSE:	
Stadium	9,956.00
Venable	5,476.86
RENTAL OF OFFICE SPACE:	
Orioles	1,845.00
Colts	1,500.00



ADVERTISING:

Scoreboard -----	41,500.00
Clock -----	2,025.00
TELEPHONE COMMISSIONS -----	1,105.38
REPAYMENT—1% Concession Improvements -----	12,473.48
REPAYMENT—6% Field Seats -----	12,653.76
REPAYMENT—Rental Waived on 514 Mezzanine Seats -----	2,454.80
REPAYMENT—Rental Waived on 2,380 Upper Deck Seats -----	<u>9,093.44</u>

TOTAL FY 69 Stadium Revenue,

Excluding Ice Rink Receipts ----- \$689,940.80

D. Revenue and Operating and Management Cost Comparisons—  
Memorial Stadium, 1954 through Fiscal 1969

Year	Uses	Attendance	Revenue	Expense	Gain (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
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
1960	94	1,829,969	581,826.55	337,942.98	243,883.57
1961	89	1,547,043	470,967.90	328,459.19	142,508.71
1962	90	1,391,452	480,098.46	312,573.43	167,525.03
1963	92	1,278,684	488,131.88	360,424.86	127,707.02
1964	87	1,804,191	604,151.07	420,046.16	184,104.91
1965	82	1,291,836	514,324.13	418,510.38	95,813.75
*1966	32	527,482	190,379.98	201,406.42	(11,026.44)
**1967	100	2,377,500	717,140.24	435,059.74	282,080.50
1968	99	1,361,491	651,722.28	513,738.67	137,983.61
1969	102	1,592,145	689,940.80	510,369.06	179,571.74

\* six month period

\*\* World Series

E. Statement of Stadium Operating Expense

Total Revenue -----	\$689,940.80
Total Operating Expense -----	<u>510,369.06</u>

Operating Gain for year, excluding  
debt service\* ----- 179,571.74

\* Debt Service in Fiscal 1969 totaled \$307,468.75.

X. THE BALTIMORE ZOO

ARTHUR WATSON, *Zoo Director*

A. General Developments

1. An in-service training program developed by the American Association of Zoological Parks and Aquariums and the Federal

Government was instituted at the Zoo for both old and new employees. All members of the Zoo Staff participate in teaching classes and successful completion of the course will be prerequisite to promotion of zoo personnel.

2. A Capital Improvement Fund of \$15,000 was authorized in the budget and was utilized for painting and repair of animal cages and installation of new fencing.

3. An agreement dated May 28, 1969, made with the Baltimore Zoological Society provides for a complete, perimeter fence and an admission charge to the Zoo with the proceeds going to an improved medical program and other improvements at the Zoo.

4. A medical service area for quarantine processing, a vaccination program, tuberculous testing and autopsies was established in the basement of the Mammal House.

## B. Mammal Department

### 1. Important Developments

a. On June 30, 1969, the Mammal Collection comprised 372 specimens, representing 111 species and sub-species.

b. Improvements in diets and husbandry resulted in the lowering of the Mammalian Mortality rate from 16.5% to 9.5% and an increase in births. For the first time, the Bengal Tiger bred and two cubs were raised successfully. Other notable births: a Polar Bear, a Spectacled Bear, a Black Buck Antelope, two litters of Jungle Cats, a Wanderloo Monkey and a Chimpanzee.

c. In conjunction with Johns Hopkins, the Baltimore Zoo has been one of the experimental stations for the immobilizing drug known as M99. Of interest in this connection was our use of this drug at Arthur Godfrey's farm in Virginia. In exchange for our assistance, Mr. Godfrey donated two female Red Deer and one American Bison to our Zoo.

### 2. Important Acquisitions

Three rare African Sable Antelope; a female Dromedary Camel; a male Jaguar; a female Sitatunga.

## C. Bird Department

### 1. Important Developments

a. There are 569 specimens representing 168 species of birds on hand.

b. Members of the Bird Department worked with Johns Hopkins University in a continuing study of migratory habits of the Whistling Swan. Birds were caught, banded and dyed a bright yellow for easy visibility and then released. Several of the birds had small radio transmitters attached to them to facilitate their being tracked. As a by-product, a dozen pair of these birds were added to our collection.

c. The sole-surviving Black-footed Penguin chick hatched, is now over three months old and very healthy.

d. Notable incubator hatches: South African Shelducks, Swinhoe Pheasants and two American Rheas.

## 2. Important Acquisitions

a. The Bird Department operated duck traps on the western shore of the Chesapeake Bay to catch diving ducks for the waterfowl exhibits. Species added to our collection as a consequence included Lesser Scaup, Greater Scaup, Canvasback, Buffle-head, Tufted and Ruddy Ducks. In addition, about 300 Lesser Scaup Ducks were caught, banded and released in cooperation with the Maryland State Fish and Wildlife Department.

## D. Reptile Department

### 1. Important Developments

a. On June 30, 1969, the inventory of the Reptile Department consisted of 174 specimens representing 106 species and sub-species.

b. The Reptile Department and the Johns Hopkins University continued on a project to develop techniques for keeping alive the notoriously short-lived Madagascan Chameleon.

c. A major improvement in the Reptile House was in the installation of pictorial identification signs for the twelve large exhibit tanks. The 3 X 3 color print on the sign also includes information on maximum size, geographical range and food. This project was made possible through the generosity of Mr. Mayer Falk, a private photographer, who exposed and developed most of the photos without charge.

d. Members of the Reptile House Staff gave eight illustrated lectures.

### 2. Important Acquisitions

a. Only \$204.50 was spent for new specimens in the Reptile Department, but the total value of the collection, which now stands at \$8,600.00, was increased through breeding (\$204.00), trades (\$233.00), collecting by staff members (\$116.00) and donations by interested parties (\$1,060.00).

b. Major acquisitions: a 16 foot Reticulated Python and a 6 foot Malayan Monitor Lizard, both gifts from the United States National Zoo in Washington, D.C.

## E. Children's Zoo

1. This report covers the operations of this facility from July 1, 1968 to November 12, 1968 and from April 2, 1969 to June 30, 1969. During this time, 114,846 children and 88,376 adults

(total 203,222 admissions) created a revenue of \$38,751.56. In addition, revenue of \$3,877.08 was realized from the Carousel and \$8,347.74 from the Zoo-Choo Train. Revenue from the main zoo Safari Trains amounted to \$5,994.30.

2. Two educational themes were highlighted at the Children's Zoo; "Man's Development of Domestic Animals" and "Small Maryland Animals."

## SUMMARY OF REVENUE SUPPORTED FACILITIES

In addition to the operation of Memorial Stadium and the Children's Zoo, the Bureau of Parks operates the following revenue supported facilities.

### A. Golf Courses

The significant factor at the golf courses is the decline in the number of rounds played. This has been explained, in part, as the result of the increase in the number of new courses in the area, abuses arising from the nine hole tickets and vandalism at the courses. On the first, the bureau has no control except to make the municipal courses as competitive as possible and along this line, a contract has been let to irrigate a second course, Mt. Pleasant. Experience at Pine Ridge has shown that the irrigation system produces excellent turf for golf. On the second factor, the nine hole ticket has been eliminated and twilight play re-established. Also, a senior citizen ticket for persons age 65 and over has been initiated. On the last item, the bureau is constantly pleading with the police department for better protection and urging the district superintendents to maintain the pressure for better policing. Although some improvements have been noted, the problem has not been solved.

### GOLF COURSE REVENUE FOR FISCAL YEAR 1969

Course	Rounds Played	Revenue Greens Fees	Revenue Irrigation Surcharge	Total Revenue	Operating Cost
*Carroll -----	36,993	\$ 40,318.50	\$ 9,248.25	\$ 49,566.75	\$ 70,965.01
Clifton -----	44,083	85,960.00	18,999.25	104,959.25	113,915.00
Forest Park -----	45,868	87,743.25	19,199.00	106,942.25	132,758.74
Mt. Pleasant -----	49,580	108,422.75	20,632.25	129,055.00	156,698.01
Pine Ridge -----	50,589	143,544.25	22,539.75	166,084.00	188,930.62
	227,113	\$465,988.75	\$90,618.50	\$556,607.25	\$663,267.38

\* A nine hole course

Year	Rounds Played	Revenue	Operating Cost	Gain or (Loss)
1969 -----	227,113	\$556,607.25	\$663,267.38	(\$106,660.13)
1968 -----	255,250	559,162.50	648,534.17	( 89,371.67)
1967 -----	241,350	447,924.00	580,382.00	( 132,458.00)

## B. Ice Rinks

### 1. Patterson Ice Rink

On December 6, 1968, the new ice rink in Patterson Park was dedicated by his honor, Mayor Thomas D'Alesandro, III.

The season at Patterson extended from December 6, 1968 through March 16, 1969, with a total of 198 sessions offered to the public out of the 219 scheduled. Attendance for the year was 29,729.

### 2. Stadium Ice Rink

The season at the Stadium ran from November 16, 1968 through March 9, 1969. There were 239 sessions scheduled of which 224 were actually held. The missed sessions occurred because of rain, snow or events being presented in the Stadium proper. Attendance at the rink reached 36,018, a decline of 8,404 from the previous year.

### 3. Statement of Income and Expense at the two rinks.

	Stadium	Patterson
Admissions -----	\$17,984.30	\$16,636.60
Concessions -----	2,874.41	2,371.10
Rentals -----	428.00	275.00
Total Receipts -----	\$21,286.71	\$19,282.70
Total Costs -----	\$36,523.44	*\$54,180.42
Gain (Loss) -----	(\$15,236.73)	(\$34,897.72)

\* Included initial outlay for equipment, i.e., ice-resurfacers, rubber matting, etc.

## C. Fort Smallwood

As in the previous year, a parking charge of \$.25 per motorcycle, \$1.00 per car and \$3.00 per bus was in effect from July 1, 1968 to September 15, 1968 and from April 5, 1969 to June 30, 1969. During this period a total of 88 motorcycles, 26,961 cars and 298 buses entered the park. The bathing beaches were in operation from July 1, 1968 to September 2, 1968 and from May 30, 1969 to June 30, 1969. Because of greater usage, revenue from parking increased by \$6,312.00 and from concessions by \$685.97 over the previous season.

Park Patrons -----	119,091	Beach Concessions -----	\$ 4,350.01
Beach Patrons -----	65,224	Parking Fees -----	27,877.00
		Total Revenue -----	\$32,227.01
		Operating Cost -----	\$60,309.38
		Gain (Loss) -----	(\$28,082.37)

## D. Swimming Pools

The periods covered in this report are July 1, 1968 to September 2, 1968, and from June 21, 1969 to June 30, 1969. Again, in recognition of the need to provide maximum recreation for the

youngsters of the city, no admission charge was levied for entrance to the pools. Hours of operation continued to run from 12 noon to 8:00 P.M. during the week and from 12 noon to 6:00 P.M. on Sundays and holidays. The pools were operated at a cost of \$187,593.29.

Pool	Days Open	Patrons
Cherry Hill	67	54,276
Clifton	69	99,519
Druid Hill	66	82,194
Patterson	67	91,041
Riverside	66	74,168
Roosevelt	70	42,570
	<hr/> 405	<hr/> 443,768

## SUMMARY OF BUREAU OF PARKS RECREATION FACILITIES

The maintenance of athletic and recreational facilities, in a condition and manner that will accommodate the needs of the citizens of Baltimore, continues as the major activity of the bureau. Each of the facilities listed below and in the following pages receives a share of this effort.

59	Clay Tennis Courts
53	Hard Surface Tennis Courts
69	Outdoor Basketball Courts
18	Volley Ball Courts
43	Baseball Diamonds
41	Little League Diamonds
2	Pony League Diamonds
92	Softball Diamonds
33	Football Fields
18	Soccer Fields
1	Lacrosse Field
4	Running Tracks
14	Quoit Ranges
1	Quoit Shed
1	Hockey Field
1	Wildflower Preserve, Nature Trails and Natural History Museum (Cylburn Park)
2	Outdoor Shuffle Board Courts
1	Badminton Court
1	Ice Skating Pond
1	Fishing Lake
1	Boat Lake
6	Swimming Pools
9	Wading Pools
2	Bathing Beaches

167	Playgrounds	
206	Picnic Areas	
1	Nine-Hole Golf Course	
2	Archery Fields	
2	Ice Skating Rinks	
4	Eighteen Hole Golf Courses	
1	Bridle Trail	
1	Scouting Area	
7	Skeet and Trap Ranges	
1	Stadium	
1	Driver Training Course	
1	Zoo (including Children's Zoo)	
2	Roller Skating Areas	
1	Natural History Museum, Maryland House	
1	Rugby Field	
	TOTAL FACILITIES:	871

## BUREAU OF RECREATION

JOHN G. WILLIAMS, *Superintendent*

ALFRED L. COTTRILL, *Assistant Superintendent*

### I. BUREAU HIGHLIGHTS

The Bureau of Recreation staff of 367 full-time employees and 800 part-time employees operated 77 recreation centers in school buildings, 44 night centers, 84 year-around recreation centers, 22 year-around playgrounds, 5 seven-month playgrounds, 32 summer playgrounds, and 13 indoor gymnasias. A total attendance for all facilities is estimated at between 6 and 6½ million.

Portable pools made the biggest "splash" in the Bureau of Recreation program during the summer. Forty-six new pools and the two from the previous year served to provide a more complete 10 week summer aquatic program. Instructional swimming classes were held in the mornings, and recreational swimming was scheduled for the afternoons and early evenings. 144 lifeguards (3 per pool) staffed these pools after completing a Red Cross training course for guards held at Druid Hill Park pool; the Red Cross also sent instructors to the different pools for supervision and testing of swimming classes. A total of 591,360 boys, girls, and adults participated in this porta-pool program.

In addition to the portable pool program, we again closed off 35 streets throughout the City and attached a spraying device to fire hydrants, and on very hot days staffed these sprays to let the children get wet and enjoy cooling off.



For the second year, the four Fun Wagons were taken to 20 areas per week in neighborhoods not served by year-around recreation centers. These gaily painted Wagons, pulled by Jeeps, were parked on a given street on a scheduled once a week basis, filled with puzzles, bean bags, jumping ropes, hula hoops, and other games attractive to young children; and with basketballs, volleyballs, and table games of interest to teenagers. Requests from the general public and from the recreation supervisors to assign a Fun Wagon at additional areas were more numerous than could be met.

Similar to the Fun Wagon in intent is the Traveling Leader program, i.e., taking recreation *to* the people. Ten teams of traveling leaders combined their bags of games and supplies and their energies to provide inner city children with on-the-spot recreation fun and programs, promoting the kinds of activities which the children could continue on their own.

Discovering that many of the children were familiar with their immediate home environments only, the leaders added to the agenda get-acquainted-with-your-neighborhood walking tours, taking the children to local points of interest. Competition between adjacent neighborhoods in children's contests further broadened their acquaintanceships.



The youngest winners of a bicycle-tricycle rodeo — Rodeos are held at playgrounds and recreation centers to promote bicycle safety and riding skill.

An additional program offered to disadvantaged boys and girls from deprived neighborhoods was a short-term day camp—Camp Concern—which proved an outstanding success in its first year of operation. Each week, 500 boys and girls aged 10 through 19 were recruited from all geographic sections of the City by the Bureau of Recreation, the Community Action Agency, civic and religious organizations, and interested citizens; and daily, for a week were taken by bus to the Bainbridge Naval Training Station. The program was in operation from July 1st through August 31st and provided for 5,103 boys and girls the opportunity of participating in a day camp experience oriented toward recreation, education, job counseling, and personal health practices. The Bainbridge Naval Training Station made available its facilities for swimming, softball, archery, basketball, movies, health education, health surveys, tours, and counseling, and served two hot meals daily to each camper. The Bureau of Recreation was the sponsoring agency in that our staff was in charge and responsible for the total administration of the program. The project was funded by the U.S. Department of Health, Education and Welfare and the U.S. Office of Economic Opportunity and designed to provide meaningful, constructive and pleasant experiences, to establish positive communication between agency and participants, to stimulate personal pride, and to afford program content which would have positive carry-over value.

## II. OTHER FEATURED PROGRAMS ARE OUTLINED BELOW:

### *Boy's and Men's Activities*

Second Annual U.S. Youth Games—qualifying rounds in basketball, bowling, track and field; sponsored by Holiday Health Spas and Fair Lanes, Inc.

District Pentathlons at Carroll, Clifton, Druid Hill and Patterson Parks.

Jesse Owens local and inner-city track and field meets sponsored by Atlantic-Richfield Company.

The Baltimore Bullets sponsored basketball clinics at 16 recreation centers.

City-wide co-ed teen volleyball tournament—Latrobe Park  
Special meet with teams from New York City in basketball, bowling, track and field.

Pass and Punt Contest sponsored by Maryland National Bank.  
Special classes in karate, judo, wrestling, and weightlifting.

City-wide Christmas Holiday indoor track and field meet at  
5th Regiment Armory.

Baltimore Bullets Dribble and Shoot contest—sponsored by  
Coca Cola Bottling Company.

2nd Annual Physical Fitness Exhibition—10 centers participated.

Physical Fitness Exhibition at Memorial Stadium in cooperation with Baltimore City Commission on Physical Fitness.

Forty-sixth annual Parochial School Games track and field meet sponsored by the Catholic Youth Organization and the Knights of Columbus and conducted by Bureau staff.

54th Annual Junior Municipal Games track and field meet held at Clifton Park.

Tournaments, leagues and special sports programs conducted on local and district levels in soccer, box soccer, indoor floor hockey, roller skate hockey, touch football, flag football, track and field, basketball, softball, and weightlifting.

### *Learn-To-Swim Program*

In cooperation with the American Red Cross and the Bureau of Parks, swimming instruction was given to 20,000 boys and girls in 6 Municipal pools during the eight week summer program. Over 800 certificates were issued in the different classifications of swimming—Beginners, Intermediates, Junior and Senior Life Saving and Water Safety Aides.

Instruction was expanded to include classes in 48 portable pools and 5 school indoor pools.

### *Arts and Crafts*

75 fall and winter and 100 summer classes per week were held for children in a variety of arts and crafts media.

Six special adult classes held in oil painting, ceramics, weaving, and introductory pottery.

### *Girls' and Women's Activities*

A total of 50 dance classes held in 32 recreation centers (tap, ballet, jazz, modern, and ballroom)—3 classes more than the previous year, with 2 classes continuing throughout the summer for the first time.

City-wide Girls' Demonstration—546 participants from 46 recreation centers (38 centers participated last year).

Women's conditioning—13 classes.

Tennis instruction—22 classes.

City-wide table tennis tournament—30 girls participated.

Junior Municipal Games Track Meet—54th year.

Second U.S. Youth Games held in St. Louis—Baltimore, winning 30 points in total competition, placed 2nd.

Jesse Owens Track and Field Meet held in Boston—Baltimore sent 25 participants.



Arts and Crafts Classes are held weekly at playgrounds and recreation centers.

### *Music and Dramatics*

Specialists worked with children's music groups in 39 centers during the fall and winter and in 77 centers during the summer.

Several centers formed puppetry groups; one of the more advanced presented puppet shows at a school for handicapped children, at a children's T.V. show, and at other centers.

A special summer project combining drama and body control through modern dance was offered in 5 recreation centers.

A music and drama Showcase presented to the public a children's chorus, rhythm band, drama puppets, a teen chorus, a teen band, a pop singing group, and a Senior Citizen's vocal and instrumental group.

Children's Theatre Association Showmobile gave six performances at different recreation centers.

New ventures begun were:

4 leaders who could play portable musical instruments assigned to centers other than their own (deployment of special talent in order to benefit maximum number).

Established a marching and concert band composed of teenagers.

Specialist to organize combos and pop singing groups in the centers.

In cooperation with a neighborhood church council, established the "Alley Entrance", a coffee house for teenagers and young adults.

New Senior Citizens' singing group, the Goldentones, formed.

*Children's Activities (City-Wide Special Events)*

Doll Show

Turtle Derby

Hula Hoop Contest sponsored by Wham-O Company of California.

Chess Tournament sponsored by Evening Sun Papers.

Twister Contest sponsored by Milton Bradley Games Company.

Grab-A-Loop Contest sponsored by Veterans of Foreign Wars.

Special Easter Monday Programs.

Bird House Making Contest sponsored by Mondawmin Mall and Station WFBR.

Marble Tournament sponsored by Sun Papers—4,000 local participants; 60 cities in National Tournament in Wildwood, N.J.; Baltimore representative placed 6th.



Baltimore's Marble Tournament Champion

### The Mayor's Frog Hop.

The following special activities were held at the Bureau's playgrounds and recreation centers:

Hopscotch Tournaments, Dress-up Shows, Parties, Kite Flying Contest and special holiday programs (Christmas, Halloween, etc.).

### *Services for the Handicapped*

Pre-schoolers referred by Greater Baltimore Medical Center Clinic and Sinai-Druid Comprehensive Pediatric Clinic were served 4 mornings per week.

Mentally retarded teens met at the Baltimore League for Crippled Children twice a month.

Handicapped adults were served in the following ways:

Physical Handicapped—sculpture and painting classes, suppers, choral singing, electronics (by touch), and Braille games for the blind.

Handicapped Veterans met 3 times a month and hosted a monthly dance and supper for patients from 3 hospitals.

Camping for Handicapped Children—Camp Variety was conducted at Stevenson, Maryland, for 1200 children in July and August of 1968, and this year Camp Variety will be held at Fort Smallwood and will be attended by approximately 516 children each day, and employ a staff of 128 people.

### *Municipal Sports*

Boys' and Men's Basketball—88 leagues, 494 teams, 4,579 players.

Girls' and Women's Basketball—22 leagues, 128 teams, 1,344 players.

Football—12 leagues, 72 teams, 1,540 players.

Soccer—30 leagues, 147 teams, 2,352 players.

Baseball—133 leagues, 694 teams, 9,374 players.

Men's Softball—74 leagues, 422 teams, 6,536 players.

Girls' and Women's Softball—18 leagues, 90 teams, 1,231 players.

Junior Tennis—110 girls, 208 boys.

Municipal Tennis—110 women, 256 men.

Municipal Swimming Meet—398 girls and women; 442 boys and men.

Evening Sun Swimming Meet—482 girls and women; 487 boys and men.

Municipal Track Meet—22 women; 192 men.

## *Volunteer Corps*

46 recreation centers sponsored organized Volunteer Corps' with 727 Junior Volunteers and 256 Senior Volunteers. At the Annual Awards Banquet in November, 586 Volunteers were officially cited for having earned individual awards for hours of service. A total of 152,265 hours were recorded, which represents the equivalent of 82 full-time recreation leaders. These awards were presented to the Volunteers by Mr. Hyman Pressman, Comptroller of the City of Baltimore, and by members of the Board of Recreation and Parks.



Balloon Race — one of the many events held at recreation centers

## *Street Club Service*

Expanded use of Facilities—Princeton Playground and field house, Community College, Govans Mayor's Station, Dunbar Community School, Lombard Community School, City Springs Elementary School, MUND Office.

Expanded Teen Program — Y M C A, Y W C A, Libraries, Churches, Recreation Centers, the Metropolitan Athletic Association funded by the Baltimore Hebrew Congregation, trips to Elk Neck State Park for camping, outings at Glenwood Country Club, Operation Oriole.

Expanded Programs—re: Increase in use of drugs, lack of employment opportunities, and inadequate public facilities.

Assistance during Civil Disorders—Attempted to discourage youth from participating; when rallies were held by racist groups, provided alternate program.

Personnel Training—Workshops in group psychotherapy from the Psychiatric Institute in Washington, D.C., graduate and undergraduate courses at University of Maryland and Morgan State College. In-Service conducted by Baltimore Community Mental Health Staff. Served as work station for Street Club Aides, NYC Aides and Summer Careers students. Served as field placement for graduate students from University of Maryland School of Social Work.

Community and Public Relations—Through the Baltimore Community Relations Commission, better rapport was established with the Baltimore City Police Department to establish better relationship and operational procedures in handling weapons, narcotics and stolen goods.

### *Senior Citizens*

Federal funding through the Older American Act was obtained to provide food and improved staff and programming for the summer camp and to set up courses at the Maryland Institute College of Art where both staff and senior citizens were trained in arts and crafts in order to teach other senior citizens in clubs, centers and nursing homes.

In addition, the Bureau offered consultative service to both public and private agencies, nursing homes, churches, etc., in planning and improving recreation programs for the aged. Throughout the year, there was contact and cooperation with other agencies such as Metropolitan Senior Citizens, Jewish Community Center, Vista, Community Action, Inner City Commission on Mental Health Program in order to provide better service to the aged.

Special activities of the 40 senior citizens' clubs included:

- Community service projects
- Arts and crafts, bowling, music, parties
- Camp Care Free
- Trips and boat rides
- Health, safety, and Consumer Education sessions
- Hobby and Talent shows

### *Garden and Nature Activities*

Nature groups were held in winter and summer at the centers, particularly in the inner city, to acquaint young children with nature basic to their lives. Wherever possible, flowers or vegetables were grown in the summer. These gardens were judged by the Women's Civic League and awards for



the best gardens were presented at In-Service Training Class.



Senior Citizens enjoying a square dance

The Keep Maryland Beautiful Poster Contest held each January was judged by the Keep Maryland Beautiful Committee. Awards were presented to the winners by the Mayor.

For adults, the Spring Gardening Workshop was held again at Cylburn Park and was well attended. The Nature Lore Walks, while attended in the majority by adults, also included a number of children. The attempt is made to stress it as a family activity in which all members may participate in broadening their interest in and knowledge of trees and flowers, both native and horticultural.

Market Day in September was the outstanding event of the Cylburn Wildflower Preserve and Garden Center Organization. This was its first money-making attempt. The proceeds help the organization to augment its educational program which is a service to the city. That Cylburn Park is of service to the city is clearly indicated by the fact that guided tours of the woodland, greenhouses, and exhibits in the Mansion were enjoyed by 403 school classes—a total of 17,894 children having come to the park for educational purposes.

The fall and winter Open House held Sunday afternoons included walks, talks, and demonstrations planned by the organization for the public. Attendance at such events was 26,620.

## BUREAU OF MUSIC

STEPHANIE SODARO, Music and Administrative Supervisor

### I. *Concerts*—(66 in total)

Concerts were held this season seven days a week beginning the last week of June continuing through the months of July and August. There are four Bands, each composed of 34 professional musicians and conductor, and one Dixieland Jazz Band composed of six Jazz musicians.

The Regular Bands play a flexible program of popular classics and semi-classics, marches, music from Broadway shows and motion pictures.



Weldon J. Irvine, Sr. conducts the Baltimore Municipal Band on a Sunday afternoon in Druid Hill Park, a location visited every year since 1860.

A. New locations were introduced into the schedule this season in order to accommodate the many requests received and to bring music to sections of the city where concerts had never before been scheduled. The locations are:

1. Beechfield School #246—301 South Beechfield Avenue off of 4700 Block Frederick Avenue
2. John Booth Recreation Center—Claremont Avenue near Eaton Street off of 3700 Block Eastern Avenue
3. Riverside Park—Johnson & Heath Streets off of 200 Block Fort Avenue
4. Georgetown & DeSoto Roads Playfield off of 3100 Block Wilkens Avenue

5. Burdick Park — Glenmore Avenue and Walther Boulevard
6. Madison Square—Caroline & Eager Streets
7. Cecil Elementary School #7—Kirk Avenue & 21st Street
8. Gwynns Falls Recreation Center—525 Hurley Avenue off of 2800 Block Frederick Avenue
9. Grove Park Recreation Center—5545 Kennison Avenue off of 4400 Block North Rogers Avenue
10. Lyndhurst Memorial Playground—Gelston Drive and North Allendale Street
11. Howard Park Recreation Center — 4740 Liberty Heights Avenue near Woodbine Avenue
12. Perkins Square—George Street & Myrtle Avenue off of 700 Block West Franklin Street
13. Hilton Recreation Center—2950 Phelps Lane off of 23 North Hilton Street
14. Union Square—Lombard & Stricker Streets

## II. *The Conductors and Other Personnel*

### A. Dr. Leigh Martinet—Municipal Concert Band

Former conductor of the Baltimore Civic Opera Company; celebrated his 11th season as Conductor of the Municipal Con-



With a signal to the Woodwind Section, Dr. Leigh Martinet conducts the Municipal Concert Band in selections from "Man of La Mancha."

cert Band; received the degree of Doctor of Musical Arts in 1966 from the Peabody Conservatory of Music.

B. Charles E. Gwynn, Sr.—Baltimore Park Band

Leader of his own dance orchestra and treasurer of the Musicians' Union; celebrated his 22nd anniversary as Conductor of the Baltimore Park Band.

C. Gerald Eyth—Park Concert Band

Well known composer; former Assistant Concert Master of the Baltimore Symphony Orchestra; currently on the faculty of the Peabody Conservatory of Music; celebrated his 20th year as Conductor of the Park Concert Band.

D. Weldon J. Irvine, Sr.—Baltimore Municipal Band

Music specialist with the Bureau of Recreation; celebrated his 11th year as Conductor of the Baltimore Municipal Band.

E. John William Spicer—Coordinator of the Monumental City Six Dixieland Jazz Band

Member of the Municipal Concert Band for 26 years (tuba); brought together 5 more of Baltimore's top Jazz Musicians for this series.



**The Monumental City Six Dixieland Jazz Band**

Walter Marquardt, piano; Dwight Lyle, clarinet; Al Straub, cornet; Mike Carmichael, drums; Al Fabig, trombone; John Spicer, tuba.

## F. Song Leaders and Soloists

1. Marvin Clark for the Municipal and Park Concert Bands.

2. Matthew Fraling, for the Baltimore Municipal and Park Bands. One of the most popular features in the program is the "Sing Along". Encouraged by the engaging personalities of the Song Leaders, audiences accompanied by the Band and fortified with Song Sheets sing old favorites and currently popular songs.

For the additional pleasure of the audience, professional vocal soloists perform nightly with each band; a total of 16 vocalists throughout the season.



Enjoying the "Sing Along" at the August Festival of Music are, left to right: Mrs. M. Richmond Farring, Mrs. Thomas D. Sheldon, Dr. Thomas D. Sheldon and Mr. M. Richmond Farring.

G. Special Groups who performed during the season with the Bands:

1. Ballad Singers, "Linda and Tim"
2. Irvine and the "Impros"—a Jazz Combo.
3. Maryland Ballet Company
4. "The Other Side"—Folk Singers

H. The Operations Crew

Joseph L. Esworthy—Labor Foreman—After a job survey by the Civil Service Commission, the Board of Estimates approved Mr. Esworthy as the first classified part-time employee in the history of the Bureau of Music.

Mr. Esworthy supervises a crew of 7 men, and has responsibility for the entire physical setup of the Concerts.

### III. *Festivals of Music* (Baltimore Memorial Stadium)

A. Thursday, July 18, 1968, 8:30 P.M.

Gerald Eyth conducted the combined Park and Municipal Concert Bands. In addition to the varied program of instrumental music, four outstanding vocal artists and the popular "Sing Along", special features at the Festival were the Full Troupe of the Baltimore City Ballet Company—Danny Diamond, Artistic Director; and the Monumental City Six Dixieland Jazz Band. Attendance—6,500 people.



Gerald Eyth makes his acceptance speech after awards were presented by, left to right: William Donald Schaefer, President of the City Council, Stephanie Sodaro, Music and Administrative Supervisor, and Victor Fuentealba, President of the Musicians' Association of Metropolitan Baltimore; at the August Festival of Music on the occasion of his 20th anniversary as conductor of the Park Concert Band.

B. Thursday, August 15, 1968, 8:30 P.M.

Showmobile used for the first time in the Stadium.

Dr. Leigh Martinet conducted the combined Municipal and Park Concert Bands. For the first time, the Old Guard Fife and Drum Corps of Fort Myer, Virginia performed; also featured were the Monumental City Six Dixieland Jazz Band. Attendance—over 6,500 people.

#### IV. *Baltimore Symphony Orchestra*

A. The City of Baltimore continued and increased its substantial support of the Baltimore Symphony Orchestra through the budget of the Bureau of Music. The City contribution makes possible:

1. Series of Saturday night concerts
2. Concerts given in public schools

B. At the Mayor's request, the Bureau of Music's equipment and crew were involved in the preparation and set-up of facilities to accommodate the Baltimore Symphony Orchestra in their special series of 12 concerts held in various locations of the City during May and June.

**FINANCIAL REPORT—FISCAL 1969**  
**DEPARTMENT OF RECREATION & PARKS OPERATING BUDGET**

<i>Program Number</i>	<i>Title</i>	<i>Appropriation</i>	<i>Total Expenditure</i>
475	Administrative Direction and Control -----	\$ 136,570	\$ 137,832
476	Baltimore Symphony Orchestra Contribution ----	150,000	150,000
477	Municipal Concerts and Other Musical Events ----	51,178	56,668
478	General Park Services -----	3,233,685	3,129,299
479 (01-02)	Special Park Facilities -----	2,342,902	2,472,192
480 (01-02)	Recreational Services -----	3,607,669	3,834,993
481	Debt Service -----	1,885,579	1,885,579
502	Street Trees -----	418,191	436,089

*Special Note:*

Over expenditures incurred because of special project and programs carried out at direction of Mayor D'Alesandro. Primarily the result of the portable swimming pool program and the outdoor Symphony Concerts.



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