42 out of 52 homes lack bathtubs, hot water

A total of 52 home seekers visited this week as the AFRO staged its eighth survey to determine how the bathtub regulation is being enforced in the city.

As in previous surveys, this latest check disclosed that even though the regulation has been in force for two years, there are still widespread violations.

Of the 52 homes visited, 42 were found without running hot water and bathtubs.

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THE REGULATION in question specifically states that all dwelling units in the city shall have bathtubs and running hot water.

Fines are provided for violations of the regulation which was promulgated by the Department of Health under authority entrusted to it by the City Council.

The Department of Health, however, has said that it cannot conduct inspections of homes to determine whether they are observing the regulation because of the lack of manpower.

The new survey in the city covered the 700 and 800 blocks of Bradley St.; 500 block Clagett St.—500 block Ogston St.; 600 block Gilbert St.; 100 and 300 blocks N. Schroeder St.; 1000 block Vine St. and the 1000 and 1100 blocks W. Fairmount Ave.

AMONG THE families visited was the one at 834 Bradley St. They reported that they had lived there for 18 years and during that time had used a tin tub for bathing purposes. They said they paid $7 a week in rent and listed their landlord as Louis Kaplan.

Other homes without bathtubs, the landlords were available in the city records, and the weekly rents tenants said they paid were:

836 Bradley St., Louis Kaplan, 811 Bradley St., $4 a week, Elizabeth Benson, 711 Murdock Rd.; 813 Bradley St., $4 per week, Elizabeth Benson, 711 Murdock Rd.; 803 Bradley St., own their home.

786 BRADLEY St., $5.96 per week, Mrs. Mary Winters, 2105 Hilton St.; 784 Bradley St., $32.50 per month, Mrs. Mary Winters, 2105 Hilton St.; 780 Bradley St., $5.66 per week, Mrs. Mary Winters, 2105 Hilton St.

765 Bradley St., $8 per week as Louis Shapario, 718 Washington Blvd.; 767 Bradley St., Louis Shapario, 718 Washington Blvd.; 769 Bradley St., $6 a week, Milton Sommers, 1005 W. Baltimore St.

709 Claggett St., $5 per week, Frank A. Simmons, 1932 Druid Hill Ave.; 707 Claggett St., $6 a week, Frank A. Simmons, 1932 Druid Hill Ave.; 774 Bradley St., own their home; 770 Bradley St., $7 per week, Michael Fox.

506 Claggett St., $7 a week, Max Meizlish, 4211 Norfolk Ave.; 505 Claggett St., $6.50 a week, Frank Simmons, 1932 Druid Hill Ave.

757 Bradley St., $14.50 per month, Samuel Kalis.

503 Claggett St., $7 a week, H. L. Peterman, 420 St. Paul St.; 762 Bradley St., $9 per week, Alvin Friedman, 432 W. Pratt St.; 760 Bradley St., $9 a week, Alvin Friedman, 432 W. Pratt St.

750 BRADLEY St., $9 per week, Alvin Friedman, 432 W. Pratt St.; 744 Bradley St., $10 per week, Alvin Friedman, 432 W. Pratt St.

742 Bradley St., $9 a week, Alvin Friedman, 432 W. Pratt St.; 740 Bradley St., William T. Byrd; 739 Bradley St., $5.40 per week and Samuel Lopidus; 509 Ogston St., $15 a week, Alvin Friedman, 432 W. Pratt St.

627 Gilbert St., $10 a week, Dupont Realty Co.

309 N. Schroeder St., $8 a week, Harry Merowitz; 120 N. Schroeder St., Joseph Brendel; 1005 Vine St., $5.25 per week, Harry Merowitz; 1003 Vine St., 103 N. Schroeder St., $10 per week, Leslie Realty Co.; 231 St. Paul Place; 1101 W. Fairmount Ave., $50 per week, Maurice Rhode, 1104 W. Baltimore St.; 1103 W. Fairmount Ave., $10 a week, Maurice Rhode, 1104 W. Baltimore St.

1038 W. Fayette St., $10 per week, Walter Fisher; 1055 W. Fairmount Ave., $10 per week Abraham Snyder; 1040 W. S. Applefield.

111 W. Fairmount Ave., $7.50 per week as Frank Appleseed, 616 W. North Ave., and 1113 W. Fairmount Ave., $25 per month, Morton Silbermae.

AFRO readers aid family of 'Lady in Gold'

CHEERFUL VISTORS — that describes these members of the Sunshine Band of Berea Temple who pay regular visits to Crownsville State Hospital, the Annapolis jail and other institutions. From left to right are: Mrs. Laurania Griffin, president; Moss Julia Z. Cooper, secretary; Mrs. Hortense Hayes, music director; Mrs. Dorothy Lewis, sinking fund treasurer; Miss Pearl Hayes, assistant sinking fund treasurer. In the second row are: Luther Williams, vice-president; Edward Keene, business manager; Mrs. Inez Fulford, assistant treasurer. Third row: Mrs. Vivian Black, Mrs. Ada Dancy and James Fulford.

VANDALS SNATCHED out the receiver from a public telephone in front of the AFRO offices at 628 N. Eutaw St. An AFRO artists is shown here holding a wire before the Chesapeake and Potamac Telephone Company repaired the phone.

Branch domestic battle ends round two at Northwestern

Beautious Mrs. Rosa L. Branch, 41, owner-manager of the Club Paree, and her seaman husband, Allen Branch, continued their domestic battle in Northwestern Police Court on Tuesday.

Round one took place in Circuit Court two weeks ago when both of them entered divorce suits and found two opened wide. Mrs. Branch obtained a show-cause summons for her mate on grounds of assault by threats.

Magistrate Linwood G. Koger ended the round with a stern warning to Mr. Branch to "stay away from your wife" and elicited from Mr. Branch his promise not to "bother" his spouse.

For her courtroom appearance the night club owner wore a beige cotton coat, black wool dress, long earrings of silver and white and a wide bracelet of silver.

Her hair was cut in a smart short bob, parted on the side. She was hatless.

SHE TOLD the magistrate that Tuesday night Mr. Branch called and said he would release a bank account "I would give him $500."

"He told me about how women were getting killed by men and that he could just go on to jail.

"He threatened to kill me. He called two times, and one time he came to the club. I am afraid and it makes me nervous."

MR. BRANCH who wore a gray sweatshirt and open neck shirt testified: "I never remember threatening her.

"I did call her, but I did not threaten her."

W. Emerson Brown Jr., attorney, represented Mrs. Branch and explained to the court that Mrs. Branch and her husband were separated, and divorce action was pending.

He also said that although his client was "going on about her business, Mr. Branch continued to molest her.

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MAGISTRATE KOGER said to Mr. Branch:

"You're separated. You've started on a divorce and you still go to her club and bother her.

"Stay away from her tavern. She doesn't want your patronage. If you have money" to spend, spend, it somewhere else."

IN HIS petition for divorce Mr. Branch told the court that he left home for another man and removed the furniture from their home, but he used his funds to buy the night club.

He further stated that he suspected that she wanted to leave the city and state with proceeds from the tavern business.

MRS. BRANCH denied the allegations in her answer to the gross-bill for divorce.

She alleged that Mr. Branch actually deserted her and declared his intentions of living with her no more.

She told the court that her husband makes $600 a month as a seaman-fireman, and waitertender and asked that she be awarded support for herself, the child, and attorney's fees.

Following the divorce action, Mrs. Branch told the AFRO that she came to Baltimore in 1936, was manager and bandmaid at Club 999 for four years, and barmaid at the Savoy Grill for 15 years.

She said that she is the sole owner of the club located at 2214 Pennsylvania Ave.

Board denies 3 permits okays 6 others

The Municipal and Zoning Appeals Board on Tuesday denied requests to house three families at 1127 N. Fulton Ave. and to locate a basement grocery store on the premises at 2304 Poplar Grove St.

Also disapproved was a request to establish a rooming house at 2613 Liberty Heights Ave.

The Zoning Board approved, however, a request to locate a rooming house at 2749 St. Edmondson Ave.

ALSO APPROVED were: 111 N. Broadway — to house six families; 1507 E. Chase St. — to house three families; 2101 Lindhurst Ave. — to house three families; 515 Ensor St. — converted and third floor to house as dwelling units and 4431-33 Falls Road — for the location of a gas station.

On Tuesday, the Zoning Board will consider requests affecting these properties:

2021 Druid Hill Ave. — to house four families; 2024 E. 20th St. — to house six families, and to house three families at 1820 W. North Ave.; and at 1827 N. Monroe St.

Urban Renewal adjusts policies for projects

"They are not really new but merely brought up to date."

This was the comment made recently by Harry B. Weiss concerning the adjustment of policies governing low-rent projects.

He is director of management for the Urban Renewal and Housing Commission.

Mr. Weiss explained that policies governing rent scales have been relaxed.

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HE SAID the income of working minors will not be included in the family's total income when determining how much they shall pay.

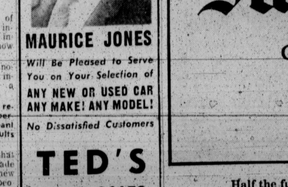
Formerly, families were notified to move once their income was increased by a working minor, he said.

Now, however, under the relaxed policy, the family is permitted to remain as a tenant since the earnings of adults only are considered.

Mr. Weiss said further, that no changes have been made concerning admission of new tenants except that older people, 65 or over, will be given preference.

Purse snatched...

Mrs. Bernell Smith, 47, of 4000 block Bennett Pl., reported to police that her purse and that he could just go on to jail.



No word on Harlem Park school site

"There is nothing yet . . . we are right where we were on Monday. . . I am still waiting to hear from the Mayor."

Solomon Liss, chairman of the City Council's Judiciary Committee, gave this picture Thursday afternoon of the status of the controversial Ordinance 1288, involving the proposed Harlem Park School site.

Mr. Liss said he did not know whether the ordinance would be acted on by his committee and the City Council on Monday, as was announced earlier this week.

Efforts to reach Mayor D'Alesandro on Wednesday and Thursday were unsuccessful.

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RESIDENTS of proposed school site opposing the ordinance, and School Board and Urban Renewal officials favoring the proposal put the whole controversy before Mayor D'Alesandro in a public hearing on Thursday of last week.

The Mayor listened but did not say then which side he favored.

Later unconfirmed rumors with the City District delegation of City Councilmen and some others who strongly oppose the ordinance.

The School Board wants to take properties in the 1400 and 1500 blocks of Harlem Ave. to build a junior high school.

They also want, as included in Ordinance 1288, the block immediately to the north of the 1400 block of Harlem Ave. and 1400 block of Lanvale St., bounded by Lafayette Ave., Calhoun, Lanvale and Stricker Sts. for an elementary school.

RESIDENTS of the area, the Harlem Park Homeowners' Association and Mrs. Juquia Jackson Mitchell, their attorney, have offered an alternate site for consideration—a block further north.

They contend this alternate site contains less substantial houses, and is in a slum area where the two schools would help beautify the sector.

The alternate site is bounded by Laurens, Calhoun, Mosher and Gilmor Sts.

Early last week the Council's Judiciary Committee tried to compromise by offering the 1500 block of Harlem Ave. for an elementary school.

The committee suggested that a junior high school would have to be placed elsewhere than on the proposed Harlem Park site.

This controversy has been in effect since the ordinance was introduced last April 15.

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1917 AFRO blasted Tenn. lynching

Mrs. Marjorie Hawkins, 222 Calvert St., Chesterfonn, Md., proudly owns an AFRO published on Saturday, July 27, 1901.

Counted also among her treasures are two issues of Saturday, May 26, 1917.

On the front page of the 1901 edition is a picture of Miss Nannie Burroughs who was congratulated by an AFRO columnist for her election as corresponding secretary of the National Baptist Convention.

The columnist said: "She is a good talker, well educated and a graduate of the Baltimore public schools."

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THE AFRO office was then at 307 St. Paul St., and the paper was called the AFRO-AMERICAN Ledger, was published weekly and cost three cents.

The paper also listed seven banks owned and operated by members of the race in the South. It was announced that its bankers would meet in Buffalo, N.Y. that Sept. 26.

A reducing diet was published in page one and it advocated "cut off one meal a day — preferably breakfast."

It advised: "Live largely on meat."

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WHEN THE 1917 AFRO was published that May, the Liberty Loan Bond drive was on.

The Douglass Junior High School No. 113 was staging entertainment at the Albaugh Theatre with orchestra and mezzanine seats at 35 cents.

The "Medley of Forest Frolics" was advertised as the program for the evening.

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THE YMCA Twilight Outing to Brown's Grove was scheduled for Saturday, June 2 at 5:30 p.m. with the Duke Serenaders providing the music for on-deck dancing.

A fish dinner was included, all for the cost of 25 cents.

Dr. Harold Sleptsea was the new pastor of Bethel AME Church while the Rev. E. N. Thomas was assigned to the Mandy Memorial AME Church.

Father George A. Griffith was slated to retire as rector of St. Mary's PE. Church.

A youth was lynched in Memphis, Tenn. The AFRO headline said: "10,000 savages burn boy," in a militant effort to halt such crimes.

Dr. J. O. Spencer was president of Morgan College and the commencement speaker at the Rev. Dr. Watchorn of Philadelphia as speaker.

MANY PROMINENT citizens announced intentions to "volunteer" for service in the Army for World War I.

Among those who wanted to go to the front were J. Clarence Chambers, A. R. Watty, Douglas J. Camper, Rufus A. Tucker and W. Norman Bishop, Bishop.

Howard University closed early by cancelling the June commencement and asking those who were slated to graduate to call at the office for their diplomas.

The reason for the change in plans was the opening of a military training camp there for colored officers.

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MEMBERS OF the 1917 medical school graduating class was J. E. T. Canipe, and John Lloyd Berry.

Academic grads were Hugh Price Hughes and Caspar N. Pigott, Annette L. Gaines finished in pharmacy.

Harry T. Burleigh, composer, received the Spingarn Medal for high achievement awarded at the NAACP convention held in Washington at the First Congregational Church.

The presentation was made by Mrs. Mary Wesley L. Jones of Washington.

The Chestertown citizens were protesting the fact that a schoolhouse was being erected on College Ave., opposite Bethel AME Church.

ROSCOE CONKLIN Simmons, Booker T. Washington's nephew, speaking at the Union League meeting in New York stated that members of his race would rather wave a red, white and blue flag above their heads than eat at the least of eagles.

The AFRO was but a four page paper, an infant in the field of journalism, but it lashed out: "Most of the people today would rather eat with kings than wave a flag."

The newspaper also took a dim view of the lily-white Officers' Training Camp at Des Moines, Ia., and the establishment of the jim crow one at Howard.

Golden Cross plans novelty tea Feb. 16

Plans for the Golden Cross Novelty Tea will be completed at a meeting on Sunday afternoon when chairmen of committees workers and friends assemble at the N. M. Carroll Home.

The Novelty Tea will be held on Sunday, Feb. 16, at the Home, 822 N. Carrollton Ave., with Mrs. Mary G. Davis, general chairman.

This is the ninth annual affair given by the Golden Cross Society to foster the work of the organization — care of the indigent aged men and women of the Washington Conference Methodist Church by housing them in the N. M. Carroll Home.

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THERE WILL be a varied musical program starting at 3 p.m. after devotions by the Rev. Mrs. Myrtle Woods.

The honorary chairmen are: Mrs. Sadie Shannon, Mrs. Fannie Cornish, Mrs. Eva Turner, Mrs. Sadie Williams, Mrs. Marie Bowser, Mrs. Mary Holly and Mrs. Annie Taylor.

Other officers are: Jerome Wells, co-chairman; Mrs. Geneva P. Mussenden, treasurer; Mrs. Edna Rawlings, director; Mrs. Mattie D. Carter is conference president and Mrs. Zella T. Washington, secretary.

Democratic Viewpoint

By ROBERT B. WATTS

It appears at this preliminary stage in the political campaign, that Millard Tawes is a cinch to be nominated for Governor to oppose the Republican candidate.

Now that the Mayor has filed for the Senate there is no substantial opposition to Mr. Tawes.

I feel certain that Dr. Byrd will drop out or that his chances are nil.

The same favorable situation faces the Democratic candidates for Attorney General (Ferdinand Siberti) and for Comptroller (Louis Goldstein). More will be said on these men later.

The real fight, if there is to be one, will come on the senate level where Mayor D'Alesandro, George P. Mahoney and James Bruce have their hats in the ring.

Of course any one may drop out and of course Dr. Clarence Long's chances, which are picking up each day, may alter the picture somewhat.

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OUR VOTERS are quite concerned about the fact that Mr. Tawes is from the Eastern Shore, Mr. Sybert from Howard County and that Mr. Goldstein is from Southern Maryland.

It is felt that since each region is not noteworthy for its treatment of its colored citizens, that this fact makes these gentlemen undesirable candidates.

Of course this argument cannot be overlooked. As the campaign progresses, we will have to size up these men with this in mind.

It is an inescapable situation that demands close scrutiny, but I don't think it is an overwhelming consideration that excludes them as good candidates.

I know Mr. Tawes personally and his coming from the Eastern shore has not been reflected in his thinking as far as I, and those close to him, have observed. Nevertheless, Republicans are sure to present this argument, and so we must begin thinking about this factor.

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THE MAYOR poses another problem as far as I have been able to observe. The most quotable expression heard, when his name is mentioned is:

"Well he has it helped, but he hasn't hurt us either."

I've heard this over and over when his candidacy is mentioned.

He is not clothed with this mantle of being from the Eastern Shore and for that reason might be appealing to many voters, but, at the same time, he does not have a reputation of being a great friend of our people.

Perhaps as the campaign progresses we might learn of some of the things he has done from those who have been close to him, and I have not.

We know a lot about Mr. Mahoney but of course he has lost campaigns. This has become a liability for him.

Mr. James Bruce is appealing as a statesman and a man of great dignity and wealth, but he is not known to the colored voters and as the campaign progresses we shall keep up with his views.

Mr. Clarence Long is an unknown, who is appealing because of his intellectual background and the common belief he is a liberal (though I've heard him deny this to an ADA group).

This, in a very loose fashion, represents what we have to deal with.

It is too early to be final about any of this.

As the weeks come and go, we can regard these men in light of these general observations' to the end that we make an intelligent decision on election day.

Hang your clothes on a hickory limb—and do go near the water

Are Baltimore's men cleaner than a hound's tooth?

What a question, you say. But, take a look at last year's report of the Free Bath Commission on the No. 3 Wall St. Bathhouse.

Out of 25,921 bathers only 6,100 were women and girls while 19,821 (almost four times as many) men and boys sponged and enjoyed the comfort of bathing in one of the city's public bathrooms.

Lest the ladies make a run all over town to up the figures on their side, we hasten to venture the theory that there are several reasons why women may not use the public baths as frequently as the men.

According to authorities on the matter, men are less sensitive about bathing away from home, and in addition, many more of them are homeless than women.

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HOWEVER, should any Baltimorean go bathless, it is no fault of the city authorities. For 58 years now the Free Bath Commission has seen to it that hot and cold running water, plus a comfortable heated shower and bath rooms are available to the public.

One of the most popular of the free public bath houses is the No. 3 bathhouse located at 1018-1022 Argyle Ave., at the foot of Preston St.

Named the Walters Bath No. 3 at its opening on Dec. 1, 1905, it honors the memory of the late Henry Walters who gave money for three such public bathing spots.

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BUT, Mr. Walters was not the founder of the unique bathing system.

An ardent believer in cleanliness as well as Godliness, the Rev. Thomas Beadenkolf, a minister of the Congregational Church, in 1905 worried about children in a neighborhood which had no bath tubs.

He wanted to obtain a public bathing beach for them near the Canton Plant.

The following year at his suggestion, the city formed the Public Bath Commission.

In its 53 years existence the No. 3 Bathhouse has served more than one million persons.

In its first year reports show that it served 120,704 bathers. While the figure was only 25,921 last year, No. 3 is still the most patronized bath facility operated by the city.

Because of the increase in the number of children in the city and the subsequent decrease in the number of customers using the city's public baths, it has been recommended that the bathhouse be dropped.

But Argyle Ave. just keeps "rolling along."

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BERNARD BYRD SR., 624 N. Carey St., has been manager there for 32 years, and he can tell of the interesting history of one of the city's "cleanest bathrooms."

"The idea was a good one evidently," he says.

"For years and years people have come to us from everywhere and enjoyed taking a bath. Sometimes when a hobo's hot water is off, or people can't get a quick bath when passing through town, they stop in here.

"We get plenty strangers but there are some people who come regularly day in, day out, year after year.

"Then of course we get the kids who do more splashing than washing, but they come and manage to get clean while they play at it."

Mr. Byrd also explained that a number of charity organizations issue given bath tickets to the homeless who come to them for meals and a room.

"They must come take a bath here; take the signed ticket back to the mission before they can have a bed and a meal."

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MR. BYRD also added a supplementary statement which has significance.

"If you can pay it, we ask for seven cents for the soap and towel. But if you have no money, there is no charge."

Total funds collected last year were $784.77 which goes to the city for upkeep of the bathhouses.

The building houses 15 showers and two tubs.

Following the tradition of the Saturday night date with the bath tub, Saturday is the most popular day, Mr. Byrd said.

"We do good business during the week, but Saturday is when we are flooded," he said, laughing at the pun.

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HE HAS two sons, Bernard Jr., and Albert III, who are art teachers at Dunbar High School and School No. 181 respectively.

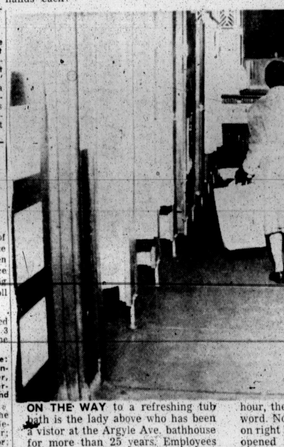
He and Mrs. Byrd celebrated their 35th anniversary this past year and are members of Macedonia Baptist Church.

Mr. Byrd also has a joy and love of fishing and he is a musician. He has played the trumpet for the Sunday School at John Wesley Methodist Church for 25 years and has been a longtime member of the Municipal Band and Orchestra.

He is an Elk and a member of the American Federation of Musicians.

Mr. Byrd is also a dog fancier with two Great Danes, one weighing 247 pounds and the other 185 pounds.

SOAP AND TOWELS are the two bathing necessities which bathouse manager, William Byrd hands each person. The customer above is Freddie M. Harris



ON THE WAY to a refreshing tub bath is the lady above who has been a visitor at the Argyle Ave. bathhouse for more than 25 years. Employees there report that she comes in on regular days, stays in the tub about an hour, then goes out without saying a word. Note the long wooden benches on right have been in building since it opened in 1905. Shower stalls and tubs are on left.

Who's Who taps 21 Hamptonites

HAMPTON, Va. — Twenty-one Hampton Institute students were recently named to 1957-1958 "Who's Who Among Students in American Universities and Colleges." They were

Doris Bryant, Ft. Valley, Ga.; Lestrod A. Davis, B.W.I.; Charles E. House, Goldsboro, N.C.; Hildegarde C. Lewis, Richmond, Va.; Elsie M. Moseley, Richmond, Va., all juniors;

Louis L. Ball, NYC; Alonza R. Clarke, Scotland Neck, N.C.; Robert C. Graham, Richmond, Va.; Joyce Hamilton, Lexington, Ky; Margaret E. Howard, Monticlair, N.J.; Ella Mae Jackson, Early Branch, S.C.; LeClair Lambert, Miami, Fla.; Morris Lee, Norfolk, Va.; Mattie Lynch, Rocky Mt., N.C.;

Martha A. Norris, Kilmarnock, Va.; Marian E. Overton, Norfolk, Va.; Pearl J. Owens, Richmond, Va.; Eileen R. Peterson, St. Croix, V.I.; Charles R. Spanper, Southampton, N.Y., Charles W. Turnbull, St. Thomas, V.I.; and Paul R. Williams, Clover, Va., all seniors.

I REMEMBER WHEN THE...

1000 block Argyle Ave. had cobblestones and pretty trees

(The recent "I remember" pieces in this newspaper prompted the following recollections by Mrs. Jack Thomas, wife of the Baltimore musician. Mrs. Thomas and her husband now live near Glen Burnie where they operate a chicken farm. If you would like to share your memories with AFRO readers, address your letter to I Remember, AFRO City Desk, Baltimore 1, Md.)

By ANITA THOMAS

I grew up in the 1000 block of Argyle Ave. Our family moved there in 1897 and remained for 21 years.

Our house — 1063 — was in a row of nine two-story houses, comparatively new when we moved in, and entirely different from the three-story houses across the street, which had high wooden steps and basement kitchens.

We had marble steps which had to be scrubbed daily. Much rivalry existed in the block to see who had the whitest steps. Cleaning them for people without children was the way we earned a nickle.

Our street — cobblestones — had the most beautiful trees and wire fences surrounded the trees to protect them.

Sewerage was poor and when we had a bad storm, we children walked in the water and had lots of fun.

MY FATHER built a porch on the back of our house. Here, we played and had our friends come in. We had a beautiful flower garden and a lattice screen to hide the trash and garbage cans and the outdoor privy.

This privy had to be cleaned periodically by the O.E.A. was on (ordorless exavation association). The wagon had swinging buckets containing burning tar to help eliminate the order in cleaning.

One of the winter hardships in those days was thawing the drain pipes in the morning.

The bath water drained into a pipe attached to an outside wall and froze regularly.

We poured boiling water on it from the bathroom window and wrapped newspapers around a long pole and it it holding it to the pipe until it thawed.

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THE CELLARS of the homes were dark and damp with dirt floors.

If you had an accident, your mother would send you to the cellar to get some spider webs which were put on the injury to stop the flow of blood. Ugh! Think of all the fly legs and dirt in those webs!

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STRANGELY ENOUGH in those days, the houses contained many things which have been adapted and refined for use in the house of today — sliding doors, a pass-through window between kitchen and dining room, and the toilet bowl and wash bowl enclosed in wooden cabinets.

Our second-story back room was a library by day and bed room by night. It had a bay window with seats, a real fireplace with ceramic tile and a marble mantlepeye.

The folding bed was a thing of beauty with its paneling and center full-length mirror. At night, it was let down and we had a comfortable double bed. We had lots of fun with that bed!

There were also crystal chandliers and wood paneling in the living room. The furniture was damask with deep trim, and there was wall-to-wall carpeting.

Twice a year was housecleaning time and what a time it was! In the summer, all the pictures and chandeliers were covered with cheesecloth — there were no screens in that day. We took the rugs up to clean! And, of course, the marble steps were covered with wooden ones in the winter.

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BIRTHDAY PARTIES were frequent and the favorite gifts were bric-a-brac — dainty cups and saucers and the nicest ones were young.

"Most homes had a what-not cabinet or a tiered table where these things were displayed. Oh, what a job it was to dust them!

There were many children in our block and a famous figure too — Joe Gans, the fighter. They had two children, Jimmy and Julia, now deceased.

I remember the late Dr. Berkley Butler's father — he was a big man and walked with a heavy foot. He was in charge of the bathhouse. I can see him now as he walked by on the way to open the bathhouse.

Miss Theresa Stewart was a well-known singer who lived in the block. (She was the grandmother of Theresa Weaver — the teacher and Edward Weaver, postal worker.)

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MISS ANITA WILLIAMS (of Catholic Charities) and her family lived in our block before they moved to George St. where the family still resides. I was named Anita for her.

Mr. Hoke ran the saloon on the corner. He later became an elevator starter at a downtown store. Mr. Yeakel was the corner grocer.

Lester Norris also lived in the block. So did Misses Lottie and Sadie Chase, school teachers and their sister, Daisy and a brother, Arthur.

And the Credit family — Mrs. Anne Creditt Locks of N.Y., and Henry are the only ones living now, I think. The others were Mareda Creditt Davis who lived in Philly and John and Jerome.

Roland Haywood, his sister and brother — he is the one who won the sweepstakes a while back — also lived there. Their father had his own business — coal, wood and ice.

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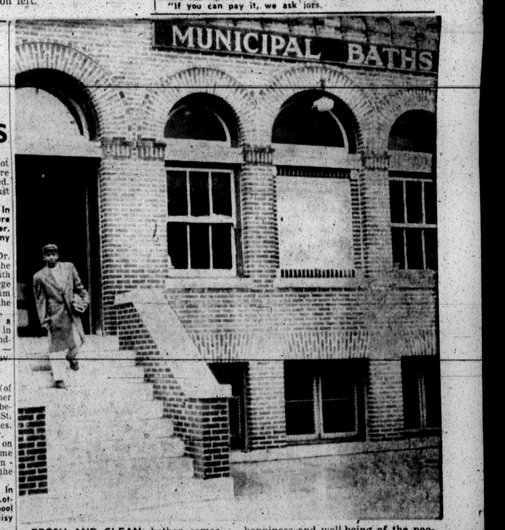
ALSO, Mr. and Mrs. Howard Tolson and their daughter, Vera, died when she was but just 15. Her death caused so much sorrow among the children and we missed her so much.

And Mrs. Sophia Simpson, who was a sister of Miss Ida Cummings, was another resident.

Mrs. Florence Myers Carpenter, who died recently, was our next door neighbor—she and her sister, who became Mrs. Bernard Webb.

My father was Thomas Woodland. His and my mother, Sarah, had four children. I am the oldest. My father was head waiter at the old Rennert Hotel. I was eight when he died.

I remember that we had a formal dinner at our house every other Sunday. My father said it was to learn table manners and the niceties while we were young.



FRESH AND CLEAN, bather comes from bathhouse and is prepared for a good day ahead. Authorities in 1918 claimed as one point in favor of public baths: "It is beneficial to the health, happiness and well-being of the people." The above building was erected in 1905, opened in December that year is located on Argyle Ave. at the foot of Preston St.

YOUNGSTERS IN BUSINESS — Among those taking an active part in the Junior Achievement Center program are Earlease Windham of 116 N. Carolina St., a pupil at Dunbar High, member how delighted we were when it was our turn to light it.

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I WAS born in the Hoffman St. house where we lived before moving to Argyle Ave.

The other three children were born there. Blanche — now Mrs. Blanche McRae, lives in Baltimore; Tecumseh, who had seven children and Herbert, both deceased.

Herbert has three children living in Philadelphia. Tecumseh's children are Bernard, who died in World War I; Mrs. Cyba Marshall (Edith), Mrs. Sarah Wallace, Mrs. Lewis Richardson (Catherine), both Baltimore teachers; Alfred, who is an electric plant worker and lives in Cedar Hill; Donald, a Pittsburgh architect, and Robert, a Philly mechanic.

Looking back on the old days, I think most of what a wonderful mother we had.

Home to us was a place of happiness and pleasure. We were sure of a welcome for any of our friends when they came.

She gave us a full life despite the fact that she was a widow

Earlease is holding a finished product letter holder as well as some wood cut-outs made by Jack at the electric band saw. Junior Achievement is a project in which youngsters set up

Timely newstips still earn cash for callers

AFRO news tipsters are continuing to earn ready cash by calling timely tips into the office.

The top newstip prize this week, a check for $5, was awarded to the tipster who reported a tragic industrial accident in which a man's head was decapitated.

Second place and a check for $3 was awarded to the tipster reporting the death of a matron awaiting sentence on conviction of performing an illegal operation.

THREE TIPSTERS were awarded checks for $2 each for information concerning two fatal automobile accidents, and a fire which destroyed a church in Edgemere.

Seven callers were selected to receive one dollar checks for newstip information.

Two of these were tips on serious auto accidents. Two

The final three in this category included tips on segregation practices of a local hospital, rowdism of school children on a bus, and a man who found a young boy lodged inside a trash can.

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CHECKS ARE sent out every week for news tips and NEWS PHOTOS and there are winners, every week.

Winners are selected on the basis of the newsworthiness of the tips called in, and in case of more than one tip on a single incident the first person to telephone this office gets priority.

It is simple to earn cash this way.

Here is all you do:

Call MU-5-6015, 6016, 1812, and 1813. If no answer, call LA. 3-3024.

A sum of $50 is set aside each week for NEWS TIPS and NEWS PHOTOS and there are winners, every week.