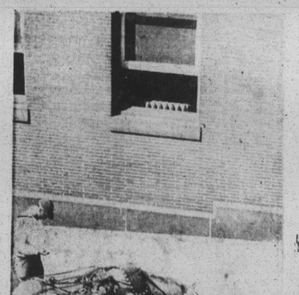
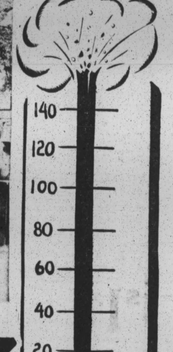
FEELS GOOD—is the way East Baltimore youngsters term cooling waters from shower on Jefferson St., near Caroline St. Imagine it does feel good during 90-degree weather. "when-n-n-n—it's hot."



BENCH WARMERS—agree that a few shade trees and a buddy to talk to help to pass the time on a torrid day. These men sitting in City Springs Park, probably fought and won the war in Korea while awaiting the cooling breezes of evening.
—All photos by I. Henry Phillips



IT'S HOT accurately describes feelings of people waiting for bus at corner of Baltimore and Caroline Sts. Weather was changeable —note coats over arms.

WHEW-W-W—IT'S HOT

The tennis rackets are fastened in their presses. The golf clubs are already in the trunk. The shorts, opened-neck shirts and swimming togs are carefully packed for travel—it's vacation time and whew-w-w—it's hot.

This is the period of what has been known for years as "Dog Days," which officially begin on July 3 and end on Aug. 11, a period usually associated with the greatest heat of the year, an atmosphere frequently muggy, in which thunderstorms occur. It is the period in which most Americans take their vacations.

The term "Dog Days" is old in origin. It comes from Sirius, the Dog Star, the most brilliant fixed star.

Dog Days are the period of the rising of Sirius with the sun, from 20 days before their simultaneous rising to 20 days after.

No Affect on Weather

Though many people attribute malignant weather conditions to the rising of the Dog Star, meteorologists and astrologists have branded the supposition foolish.

But time has proved that, its rising with the sun about July 23, in between the 40-day period, is an excellent yardstick for that time of the year when the weather is hot, sticky and generally disagreeable.

This anonymous saying best describes the Dog Days period:

"When Sirius rising with sun
sun Marks the dog days well begun."

This week, Baltimoreans have sweltered under what have been the hottest days of the summer. Temperatures as high as 95 degrees were recorded as July did its fadeaway and August took over.

Summer Mild No Longer

Most people will tell you, "My, but we've had a mild summer... but these last few days—whew-w-w—it's been hot."

Take a look at the official July weather reports for the city. July, as a rule, is the warmest month of the year, except along the Pacific Coast, where the highest temperatures usually come later.

In July, the weather bureau recorded five days with temperatures of 90 degrees or greater, exactly 11 less than were recorded in 1949. So, many people say, "My, but we've had a mild summer..."

These people in terms of weather conditions on the East Coast are right, but to persons in other sections of the country, those five days of 90 degrees or higher would represent a heat wave.

Other Sections Cooler

The number of 90-degree days average less than five along the Pacific Coast, in some mountain districts, and from northeastern North Dakota eastward over the Great Lakes and North Atlantic States.

Summer, like the other main divisions of the year, is caused by variation in the intensity of the sun's rays.

What are called the seasons are responsible to the earth's rotation on its axis—often referred to as a huge spinning top.

Position Determines Season

At certain seasons of the year the north end of the axis points away from the sun, then in the Northern Hemisphere it is winter and in the Southern Hemisphere it is summer. Six months later, the procedure is reversed.

Naturally, the greatest difference between summer and winter temperatures occurs in regions farthest from the equator. Summer begins in the north temperate zone on June 21 and ends at the autumnal equinox on Sept. 23.

People are saying Baltimore has had a mild summer. Still it's vacation time. The Dog Days are running out. The temperature's around 90 degrees; and—whew-w-w—it's hot!

There are different uses for a tub of water on a hot day. A huckster waters his horse. A youngster gets a drink of water. A group of boys decide to do Monday's wash. One lad submerges his head—"whew-w-w—it's hot!"

Douglass Project Rated Best of 6, Poe Second After Clean Block Inspection

Inspectors Urge Other Projects to Hurry to Get Work Done Before Last Test Aug. 15

Mrs. Frances M. Wood and Mrs. Gertrude L. Neale inspected every court of the six projects now registered in the AFRO's 16th annual Clean Block Campaign on Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday.

The inspectors rated the Douglass Project as the best and the Poe Project second.

They suggest that other projects hurry and get the rest of their work done before the final inspection begins on Aug. 15.

What Your Revealed

Here is the inspectors' report:

DOUGLASS PROJECT

200 BEALE CT. The green and white furniture looks very nice against the green smooth lawn. We like the flower beds marked by white brick.

200 BETHEL CT. Your freshly painted green screen doors look nice. Check on the bare place in your court. We noticed one man out painting the fences.

200 DALLAS CT. The lawn in front of the court is pretty and green, and the flowers that are blooming in the center of the lawn add so much radiance to your court.

217 DOUGLASS CT. We think that your court looks very pretty. The freshly painted white railing near Orleans St. is most unique. Hurry and get the one fence painted.

233 and 224 DOUGLASS CT. You have a few bare spots in your court, otherwise it is very clean. We see that quite a few of the screen doors have been painted green.

1400 MAY CT. Naomi Finch is captain. We can see that you have really been working, your court looks nice. The freshly painted screen doors, and the flowers make your court look so bright.

1534 MAY CT. Ruth Young is captain. You have a few places where you can plant flowers or grass. The freshly painted white steps and door sills look clean.

1510 MAY CT. That green woodwork around your screen doors really glitters. The white fence and flowers are pretty.

1400 MULLIKIN CT. Mary Catherine Colbert is captain. Your court look nice, also the flowers that are blooming. There are still a few bare spots in and around your lawn that could be filled with grass or flowers.

1500 MULLIKIN CT. Your freshly painted white fence looks good and so do the flowers. You have really done a fine job. Check the bare spots around the lawn.

200 SILVER CT. Your court really shines. The white picket fence and green lawn looks nice. The white wall at 201 is very clean, also the railing, steps and doors.

222 SPRING CT. The flowers in the back yard and at the side corner are growing nicely. The green vines beside the windows and white furniture on the lawn make a pretty picture. The sea shells painted white mark the bed of flowers and shrubbery.

246 SPRING CT. The freshly painted green screen doors look nice. The shrubbery is so pretty and green. Check your window shades and keep the waste paper in a container. The white bricks that mark the flower bed are very colorful.

POE HOMES

205 and 207 Amity Ct. are really looking pretty. The back lawns are attractive with the green and white furniture. Your court is very clean, however, a few more flowers are needed.

200 N. Fremont CT. We see that you have almost completed your work. Your court is very clean. You can add a few more flowers.

800, 802, 806, 804, 808, 810, 812, 900, 902, 904, 905 and 906 W. Lexington Ct., have really done a good job, although, there are still a few more places in which you could plant grass.

We noticed that some of the folk were painting and repairing their fences. Your lawns are beautiful and the flowers look nice. There are a few courts that need more flowers. All of the courts are spic and span.

815, 817, both sections of 817, 819, 821, 823, 901, 903 and 907-3 W. Saratoga Ct. have their fronts very clean, and the beautiful green grass and blooming flowers show that captains, workers and everybody are co-operating. 905 could have a few more flowers, also 808 and 810. Keep up the good work.

Poe Homes Clean Block Song:

Tune—"Old Black Joe"

Summer has come all the schools
are closed you know,
Now is the time to join against
Our foe
Clean block is here and we have
joined again.
This time it will be Edgar Allan
Poe again.
We will win! We will win! The
Edgar Allan Poe.
With picket fences and pretty
flowers! The Edgar Allan Poe.
We keep our brass and all our windows clean,
All our wood work is clean as
when it was new;
The grass stays trim and the lawns
are free from trash,
You see it Edgar Allan Poe, first
again this year.

Composed by Harrise Ashton

SOMERSET PROJECT

120 H - CT. You can wipe the finger prints off your screen doors. The flowers that are blooming are very pretty.

1202 JEFFERSON CT. Clean around shrubbery and plant more grass and flowers in bare places. You could almost be an honor block.

1210 JEFFERSON CT. The flowers and the freshly painted fences are very nice. The lawn in front of the court looks good. Despite the fact that there are six families in this court, you need to clean windows and doors.

1200 McCUBBIN CT. James Robert King is captain. The captains house is an example for all, with its blooming flowers and white picket fence. The vines growing around and on the side of the windows at 1207 are attractive.

1200 McELDERRY CT. We think that the freshly painted screen doors look good. Your court is very clean and the flowers are arranged so nicely.

1200 NOLAN CT. Your white fence looks pretty, but what about your flowers? We noticed quite a bit of paper scattered over your court. You must remember to sweep it every day. The fence post and line base look nice painted white. The flowers at 1209 and 1211 are blooming and will soon look very colorful.

1208 SHORT CT. Check on the grass on the side of your court. Your white fences and flowers look very pretty.

1202 SHORT CT. The captain's house looks nice, in fact the entire court is very clean. We like your green screen doors.

1206 WALDO CT. There are a few bare places in your court, perhaps if you plant some grass seeds or flowers this would help to improve it. Sweep your court daily.

1200 WALDO CT. One little girl was sweeping the court as we passed by Thursday morning. You are working very well and will soon have all of your work completed.

1206 YOUNG CT. Your flowers are beginning to bloom, our court is very clean except for a few pieces of paper scattered here and there. Your doorways look nice.

McCULLOH HOMES

There is still quite a bit of work to be done in the project. We can judge you on these points only. Whether you have planted flowers, cut grass, put up fences, and is your court clean.

You have a few more days before the final judging begins, and the following blocks will have to hurry and get to work: 458 Cummings Ct., 453 Cummings Ct., 463 Manse Ct., 462 Oxford Ct., 430 Oxford Ct., 944 Stoddard Ct., 1000 Tiffany Ct., 1100 Tiffany Ct., 454 Tubman Ct.

Captains, get your workers together and check on the bare spots in the courts, and see if you can't plant a few grass seeds. See that the folks put out their flowers and clean the courts.

1000 STODDARD CT. Rosetta Schaird is captain. The corner house is very pretty with the green and white chairs and the blooming flowers.

475 WATTY CT. We like the newly painted white fence. The flower pots at the end of McCulloh St. look very pretty. Your back yards are very attractive.

The folks are really working in the 400 Manse Ct. Their back yards are pretty. The court is very clean and the fences near McCulloh St. look nice. We think that you need a few more flowers.

GILMOR PROJECT

1600 BAKEBURY CT. We noticed two freshly seeded lawns in your court, but there are still some bare spots. Try sweeping your court everyday. A few flowers would help, and don't forget your window cards.

1600 BALMOR CT. We like the way you have the vines growing beside the doors. Your court is looking very nice. Continue working as you are. We also noticed the men cutting the grass as we passed through Monday morning.

1600 BOOKER CT. 1628 and 1624 look very pretty, and the whole court looks good. There are a few fences that need to be straightened. Check on the grass that is growing high around the shrubbery.

1601, 1609 and 1656 Bruce Ct. The upper part of this court looks very clean, especially 1656. You have two yards that are bare and a few grass seeds planted in them would look oh so nice.

1600 DELANO CT. Lawrence Moore is captain.

The first thing we noticed was the vacant lot facing the front of the courts. Why don't you ask the manager to try to locate the owner so that this lot could be cleaned off?

There are still some places that need to be seeded. You have a few flowers scattered here and there. Remember that flowers could make your court very attractive.

1400 N. MOUNTMOR CT. You still have a few more fences to paint. Perhaps if you would get up early in the morning and sweep your court it would be clean for the rest of the day.

1500 N. MOUNTMOR CT. Serena Ames is captain. The back of this court looks very pretty, however, there is one thing you must do, sweep your court every day.

1600 N. MOUNTMOR CT. We noticed the children were out cleaning as we passed by. Your flowers are beginning to bloom and this adds beauty to your back yard.

The white fences look very nice. Check on your playground, and keep it clean, too. At the upper end of the court the grass needs cutting and don't forget to sweep.

We noticed that the 1500 Presser Ct. still has quite a bit of work to do. You have only a few fences painted. 1501 is very pretty with the freshly painted white fences.

1617 VINCENT CT. Esther Hughes is captain. You have more work to do also. We wonder if you are really in the campaign? Hurry and get to work.

The Gilmor Project captains will have to hurry if they want to win a prize. Remember there are only a few more days before the final judging begins. You will be judged on these points:

When Mrs. Frances M. Wood, manager of the campaign, and her assistant, Mrs. Gertrude L. Neale inspected the courts at Holabird Thursday, it was evident that some work has been done. With the exception of three courts, we found that there is still more work to be done in other courts.

Courts That Are Lagging

5700 Cardinal t.a., 5700 Condor La., 5600 Catbird Ct., 5600 Flamingo Ct., 5600 Crow Ct., 5600 Grouse Ct., 5800 N. Osprey La., 1500 Redbreast Ct., 5700 Swallow La., 5600 Swallow La., 5600 Chickadee Ct., 5700 Egret La., 5800 Hawk Ct.

We know what you can do. Why don't you get busy right now and get the rest of your work completed. Remember the final inspection begins on Aug. 15, and with only a few days left you will have to hurry.

5700 BLUEBIRD LA. We see that you have done more painting on your doors and window sills. Your flowers look nice. The fronts are nice and clean, although there were a few pieces of paper scattered around.

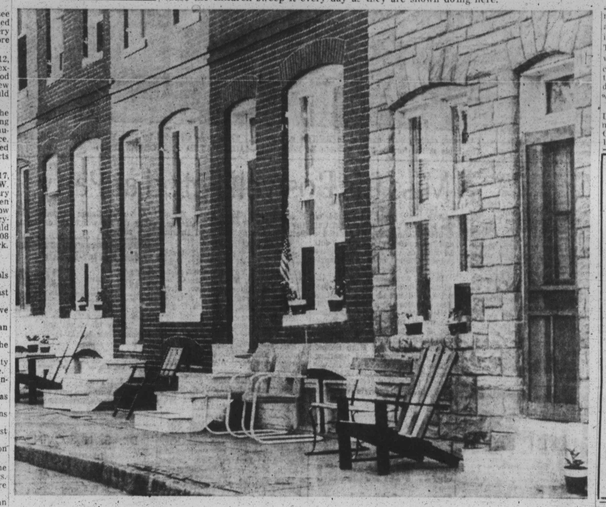
5800 GANNET LA. The corner house or rather 5800 is an example for others. The green and white fence looks good, and the flowers against the smooth green lawn look very pretty.

5600 SWALLOW CIRCLE. Although you have one or two more fences in the circle to be painted, everything else seems to be uniformed.

The green and white fence looks nice, and the blooming flowers and the clean lawns are just the way we like to see them. You have almost completed your work.

Among Leaders in AFRO's 16th Clean Block Campaign

Another leading East Baltimore block is 1200 Eden St. where Arsenia Chapman is captain. Their block stays clean because the children sweep it every day as they are shown doing here.



This close-up picture of the 1700 block of Spring St., captained by Evelyn Lee, shows just what a clean block looks like. Note the white steps, freshly painted doorways, window frames and chairs. The flag denotes the captain's house.

Clean Block

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and the Walters Company gifts, will be presented to clean blockers who have done the most work in their block. These prize winners will be selected from a list of candidates turned in by each captain.

These are now 3,664 workers living in 213 blocks throughout the city registered in this 16th annual campaign, which is now in its second month. The drive closes on Sept. 1, with exercises at the Met Theatre at 10 a.m.

Color pictures are now being taken of outstanding blocks to be shown at the closing exercises as the prizes are awarded. The final judging begins Aug. 15.

Here's how the blocks will be judged:

	Points
1. All woodwork on all houses clean	25
2. Petunias in window-boxes or in front yards	20
3. No trash or garbage can in sight	20
4. Clean block cards in window	10
5. Marble white or steps painted	15
6. Windows clean and shades home evenly	10
7. No loud talking and people clean	25
Highest number of points	125

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