Number of Honor Blocks raised to 30 on Friday

Captains must keep up to stay listed

Many blocks fail to qualify because victory sheets out

Twenty additional blocks were added to the AFRO Clean Block Honor Roll Friday, bringing to 30, the number of blocks cited for their improved appearance.

To be listed on the Honor Roll, captains and their workers must have completed at least 90 per cent of their work.

This includes painting, planting of flowers, and cleaning of yards, as well as keeping sidewalks and streets spotlessly clean.

Must Keep Up Work

Clean Block Director M. Francis Mackay warned captains whose blocks have reached Honor Roll status, that they must keep up their work if their blocks are to remain in the preferred class.

The blocks were selected after the Clean Block staff had its rounds of inspections.

Captains, who have failed to send in Victory Report sheets are not eligible for the Honor Roll, Mrs. Mackay pointed out.

During her tour, she said, several blocks on which most of the work had been completed making them eligible for the Honor Roll could not be listed because Victory Report sheets had not been sent in by the captain.

Blocks Are Listed

The Honor Blocks and their Captains follows:

700 Dolphin St., Roberta Gray
1000 Whatcoat St., Nangedial Henry
600 Smithson St., Shirley Chisley
900 Shriver St., Ella Payne
1500 Clifton St., Janice Blackwell
1200 Whatcoat St., Norman Willoughby

CLEAN BLOCK • SIDELIGHTS •

By M. FRANCIS MACKAY

CLEAN BLOCKERS are doing excellent jobs of solving their own problems. The Clean Block staff has been told how two blocks which were having "captain trouble," now have everything straightened out.

One captain, accused of not cooperating was found to be the victim of bad advice by her adviser. Her advisor didn't want her yard or steps cleaned. After the meeting they voted to ignore the advisor and carry on.

THE OTHER captain was suffering from a bad case of "bossitus." He thought being a captain relieved him of all work. He mistakenly felt his job was to stand around and direct the work of others.

The thought of inspecting blocks when the temperature is above 100 is anything but something to look forward to with relish.

But this touring must be done and what can you do but grin and bear it.

An encouraging sight is to see Clean Blockers all over the city defying Ol' Sol with brooms and paint brushes getting their blocks in tip top shape.

TOO BAD THE enthusiastic Clean Blockers of the 900 block Pierce St., couldn't get the cooperation of adults in their neighborhood. Perhaps next year it will be a more cheerful story.

Captain Claudette Colbert of the 1900 block Ridgehill Ave., and crew are off to a good start. Her block looks very good.

Captain Shirley Jones of the 2000 block Etting St., your block looks very good and your workers were busy as bees when an inspection was made last week.

CAPTAIN WILLIEMAE COOK of 300 Schroeder St., need not be discouraged. There are always some workers who fall by the wayside when the load gets heavy.

She is doing right by carrying on with the faithful few workers. Better start on the painting and get more flowers out front.

Cherry Hill Homes were found to be very neat this week when their courts were inspected.

Somerset captains and workers should step up their pace if they want to get on the Honor Roll.

Joe Paul, East Baltimore merchant, and for 11 straight years, the first contributor to the prize fund, will do the honors of chauffeuring the staff again this year on their tours of East Baltimore.

CAPTAINS OF those 30 blocks which made the first Honor Roll in this issue are warned that they must keep working to stay on the prefered list.

Any backsliding in your cleaning and off you go.

Attention adult advisors: plans are being made for your party. Your invitation will soon be in the mail.

There are still a few complaints. But most of the calls express a feeling of satisfaction over what has been done.

Facts About The Flag

1. The lag must never touch the ground.
2. When hanging the flag the blue field should be toward the East or the North.
3. The seventh strip from the top is Maryland's stripe.
4. When the flag becomes old or ragged it should be burned by an adult.
5. If two flags are on one pole the American flag must be at the top.
6. In a church, the blue field is to the right of the minister.
7. Each star stands for one. When you point your right hand to the East you are facing the North. Place the blue field of the flag to the direction you are facing.

Remember to keep reading the AFRO for the Clean Block news. Keep those letters and notes coming to the Clean Block Office 416 Druid Hill Ave., City 1.

the forty - eight states.

8. Each stripe stands for one of the original thirteen states.

NOTE: The East is shown by the direction in which the sun rises in the morning

CLEAN BLOCK • MAILBAG •

By EDITH WEAVER

Hello Clean Blockers!

The mail is coming in very slowly. To date I've received the following notes: From the 600 block of Dover Street

Dear Mrs. Weaver:

On July 4, Mr. John Grachik, gave all the children of the 600 block of Dover Street a party on his garage lot.

It's a small lot, but large enough so the children of our block. The party consisted of hot dogs, sodas, and watermelon.

A special treat was given to the grownups, and after the party pictures of the children were taken by Roy Baker 660 Dover St. We all enjoyed ourselves. It was especially nice, of Mr. Grachik whose lot and garage are in our block.

Thanking you very much.

Also our block looked real nice. Everything went off swell.

ETTA SHOWARD, President
655 Dover Street

It was very nice of Mr. Grachik to entertain the Clean Blockers of the 600 block of Dover Street. Thanks and good luck to you in the future.

Ex-Clean Blocker Help

From the 900 block of Shuter St.

Dear Mrs. Weaver:

Barbara and Vera Keyes who were once Clean Blockers in the 900 block North Shuter Street came in and gave us a helping hand in cleaning and painting the block. We appreciated their help.

The back yards have been cleaned and some painted. We as a group are working very hard to have a beautiful block. The people are cooperating very nicely and in another week our block will be completed.

Barbara and Vera Keyes are from the 700 block of 22nd St. and they are very good workers.

We also have a letter from the Bureau of Sanitation complimenting us on our block being so clean. Ben's paint store in the 700 block of Gay St. complimented us on our block and also gave us a discount on our paint.

Sincerely,

ELAINE MORRISON, Sec.
ELLA PAYNE, Captain

Paul D. McAllister has begun to send in his lovely poems. Here's one:

A Clean Block

My pet subject is A Clean Neighborhood
The homes that make the block.
All being a part of the world we live in
Look around you, are you satisfied?
The AFRO Clean Block Campaign is a health crusade
An extra curricula course in civic Aptitude
Whereby all of their services are at our disposal
And we are the sole heirs to something so beneficial;
Register as soon as you can, organize now
The more the merrier, with prizes for initiative
So let's all work together, and make dirt and filth
As extinct as the Dinosaur

Don't Forget Meeting

Captains don't forget to come to the Clean Block meeting every Friday morning 10 o'clock, 1010 McCulloh St.

It is important for you to be at these meetings to know what's going on in the campaign and also to learn what to do about your trash cans and how to get your trash picked up when you have cleaned your yards.

All Captains and workers coming to the meeting should stay until the meeting is over. You should be dealy dressed and keep as quiet as possible during the meeting.

How To Hang The Flag

When the flag is displayed over the middle of the street it should be suspended vertically with the union to the North in an East and West street or to the East in a North and South street.

So that there will be adequate time for selection of the best blocks, final inspections in the AFRO's 20th annual Clean Block Drive will begin August 9.

The standard requirements must be met if the highest award is to be received.

Since it takes such a short time to really get a block cleaned, provided everyone cooperates, many blocks are still signing.

162 More Sign Up

The following 162 persons, including men, women and children signed up this week.

A total of 185 captains have been registered in this year's campaign and 2,000 workers. They are busy at the task of defending Baltimore homes from dirt, filth and disease.

New recruits are:

Captain Frances Gibson
922 SeaGull Ave.

Ellsworth Dailey, Lawrence Dailey, Ardella Dailey, Sterling Rideout, James Mitchell, Nellie Smalls, Martha Smalls, George Smalls, Joseph Smalls, Howard Gibson, Arthur Smalls, Gloria Gibson, Avon Sykes and Quincey Mitchell.

Captain Leverne Pegram
800 W. Lexington St.

Elaine Coleman, Evelyn Bragg, Hilda Coleman, Brenda Clemons, Delores Clemons, Della Pegram, Alice Wilson, Eleanor Bragg, Robert Clemons and Ernest Carter.

Captain Marcie Jones
1900 Barclay St.

Ashby Harrison, Sadie J. Shelton, Lorraine Shelton, Larry Jackson, Joyce Jones, Brenda Jones, Ernestine McGraw, Willie Ann Harrison, Annie E. Jones, the Rev. Charles W. Horney, Bertha Johnson, Viola Jones, and Ardell McGraw.

Captain Clara Hester
2200 Morris St.

Edward Taylor, Jessie Taylor, Linda Taylor, Mary Jeanette Taylor, Linda Mannings, Veronica Mannings, Luther Moore, William Moore, Eugene Thompson Jr., Levi Moore and Earl Thomas.

Captain Barbara Richards
200 Dallas St.

Antoinetta Gray, William Lee, Betty Ann Sivells, Joseph C. Gray Jr., Sharan Gray, Ingrid Richards, Richard Richards, Bernard Sivells, Leroy Leyington, Patricia Matthews and Anthony Gray.

Captain Ola Mae Eason
100 Carlton St.

Bernice Cooper, Mary Ford, Carrie Hill, Cassie Johnson, Bertha M. Dix, Rose Procope, William Bell Green, Jannie Mae Johnson, Sarah Richardson, Wilbur Reid, Willie Reid, Braddish Cooper and Gloria Jean.

Captain Joan Ellis
1000 Bethune Rd.

Mrs. Mamie Willis, Mrs. Theodore Green, Miss Fannie Lee, Mrs. Rosie Young, Mrs. Clara Palmer, Mrs. Mary Bailey, Mrs. Hester Howell, Mrs. Nettie Jones, Mrs. Mary Jones, Mrs. Alma Taylor, Mrs. Margaret Daughty, Mrs. Alice Ogleby, Mrs. Rosetta Jeffries, Mrs. Dorlyck, Mrs. Irma Monneys, Mrs. Nancy Stanton, Mrs. Rosie Haskins, Mrs. Elsie Hood, Mrs. Iva Sessoms, Mrs. Sadie Little, Mrs. Viola Jackson, Dorothy Barnes, Mrs. Luella Atkins, Loraine Woodlok, Mrs. Eleanor Lee, Agnes McGoven, Edmund Caldwell and Marybell Johnson.

Captain Dorothy Butler
600 Gilbert St.

Viola Moore, Shirley Carter, Thalia Thompson, Yvonne Carrish, Emily McAffee, Edna Scroggins, Brenda Scroggins, Emma Scroggins and Aaron Phillips.

Captain Albert Payne
600 Saratoga St.

Charlie Lee, co - captain; Frances Belton, Mary Ruth Lee, Mabel Todd, Burnettia Belton, Ernest Reynolds, David Green, Jackie Forman, Audrey Forman and Arthur Lee Phelps.

Captain Janet Tates
204 Fremont Ave., Poe Homes

Miss Rosie Davis, Mrs. Elizabeth Timmons, Mrs. Myrtle Perkins, Ernest Green, Elizabeth Keene, Mrs. Harold Parker, Gloria Parker, Angela Smith and Norman Tates.

Captain Louise Lyle
2602 Bruce Terrace

Betty Thomas, Lauline Hayes, Herman Hayes, Leon Thomas, Charles Jackson, Barbara Jackson, James Lyle, Theresa Johnson, Mattie Reeder, Elisa Lyle, and Larry Thomas.

Captain Lauretta Proctor
100 N. Carrollton Ave.

Martha Carter, Edith Buck, Mrs. Geraldine Richardson, Mrs. Annie Weedon, Mrs. Cora Ashford, Mrs. Carrass Franklin, Mrs. Annie White, James Brascoll, Ernestine Baskinson, Marcella Wilson, James Wing, Barbara Ann Sye, Karen Sye, Patricia Edith Robinson, Herbert Sye Jr., Moses Proctor, Carroll Proctor, Ella Taylor, Faith Reid, Deloes Wheeler, Carrie Long, James Liason, Elizabeth P. Proctor, Mrs. Bessie Baker, Cyris White, Albert Liason, Charles Liason, Martha Edmonds, Delmont Williams, Annie Shedell Delorise Waddell, Carolyn Canty, Russell Davis.

Captain Lavaletta Allen
910 Bunche Rd.

Mrs. Mary Middleton, Mrs. Ida Johnson, Mrs. Christine Veney, Mrs. Sylvia Parran, Mrs. Viola Jones, Eva Tabourn, Mrs. Bessie Williams, Mattie White, Mrs. Mary Scovens, Mrs. Ann Stokes, Mrs. Mary Allen, Mrs. Bertha Smith, Mrs. Eulalia Mae Smith.

PICTURE TELLS THE STORY—It can easily be seen why the 300 block Schroeder St., has become an Honor Block. It's evident Captain Williemae Cook and her Clean Blockers have been working hard.

TEAMWORK PAYS OFF—Cooperation is the keynote of Captain Roberta Gray and her Clean Block crew of the 700 block Dolphin St. The hottest weather of the summer has not slowed them down in their determination to be one of the prize blocks in this year's Clean Block Campaign.

Your Clean Bloc Quiz

If each Clean Block worker can answer "yes" to the following questions, he is in line for one of the many prizes being offered in the 20th annual AFRO Clean Block Campaign.

1. Do you know that every block enlisted must make a victory report?
2. Do you know that no curbs are to be whitewashed?
3. Do you know that to lessen fire hazards all Clean Blockers are asked to get all cellars cleaned?
4. Do you know that it is against the law to put trash in the street and alley?
5. Do you know that you have only three more weeks to complete registration?
6. Do you know that your block must be ready for inspection by August?
7. Does the captain, with three workers in your block, attend the weekly meetings?
8. Do you know that cards in the windows indicate co-operation?
9. Do you know that a united front will help you to win?
10. Do you know that small American flags indicate residences of the Clean Block captains?

Auto firm offers safety driving test

Members of the Baltimore Safety Council are invited to use the new "Driver Skill-O-Meter," which checks field of vision, color vision, distance judgment, visual acuity, and reaction time, during the week of July 19 to 24 at Park Circle Motor co., 3428 Reisterstown Rd. at Park Circle.

The equipment shows the individual who uses it how he rates in each of five basic factors to help determine safe driving ability. Persons taking the test also receive a report card giving their marks. Fleet supervisors expecially might be interested in arranging for group of their drivers.

It is not necessary to call in advance for individual tests. These may be taken at any time from 9 a.m. to 9 p.m.

MRS. BROWN HONORED

WASHINGTON

The Health Unit of the D.C. Ushers' Union entertained in honor of its chairman, Mrs. Hassie D. Brown recently at the YWCA.

Mrs. Brown, who has been on the usher board for 32 years, has been chairman for 14 years.

The Rev. C. T. Murray, pastor of Vermont Ave. Baptist Church spoke and John Henson, deacon of Liberty Baptist

Final block inspections in 20th campaign get underway Aug. 9

Clean Block prize fund needs help, no matter how small

Dear Mr. and Mrs. Baltimore:

Before the drive is over, 10,000 children in Baltimore will be cleaning up their streets and alleys, painting woodwork and planting flowers to make their neighborhoods attractive.

Won't you PLEASE give to the 20th annual AFRO Clean Block prize fund to encourage these children to do a better job?

Mail your contribution no matter how small to the AFRO Clean Block Campaign, 628 Eutaw Street, Baltimore 1.

Attention! Clean Blockers be sure to send in this report

All captains in the AFRO's 20th annual Clean Block Campaign are required to fill in this blank and return it to the AFRO AMERICAN, 416 Druid Hill Ave., Baltimore 1.

NAME .....

ADDRESS .....

(Number)

1. ——— Pairs of steps painted.
2. ——— Pairs of marble steps cleaned or whitened.
3. ——— Houses painted.
4. ——— Houses with woodwork painted.
5. ——— Houses with woodwork cleaned.
6. ——— Yards cleaned.
7. ——— Houses with flowers in painted pots.
8. ——— Houses with flowers in window boxes.
9. ——— Alleys cleaned.
10. ——— Cellars cleaned.
11. ——— Yards with flowers.
12. ——— Families in block helping.
13. ——— Houses in the block.
14. ——— Number of persons in block.
15. ——— Number of fences over the summer has not slowed them down in their determination to be one of the prize blocks in this year's Clean Block Campaign.

Some adults can be problem to kiddies

AND A LITTLE CHILD SHALL LEAD THEM."

These famous words are the guiding light for the official family of the Clean Block Campaign.

They should be the guiding words of every adult interested in the youth of his community. Especially, should they be the guiding words of all adult Clean Blockers.

The Clean Block program was planned to develop high ideals and citizenship in the young people of the community. What better way to begin than in the beautification of their home surroundings?

Doe The Honors

Of course, they need adult help advice and guidance, but it is still their program. They Do The Work, They Get The Experience. They are due the honors.

We want the adults to share in the program. It's a duty and a privilege for them to encourage these young people as future good citizens.

But certainly adults do not want pay for doing this duty and or taking advantage of these privileges.

So the honors at the close of the campaign go to the children.

Should Take Pride

It should suffice the adults to bask in their reflected glory. They should take pride in the knowledge that they spirited the youngsters on to success.

Unfortunately, there are some problem adults who trouble the Clean Blockers.

These promem adults discourage them; they refuse to cooperate with them. They want equal awards for their help and advice.

They want to commercialize the project.

These things they don't consider. If you discourage a child in a good endeavor, he more than likely will get involved in something not so good.

I you fail to co - operate with him when he is trying to put over something you stifle his interest and enhuasiasm.

I you insist on getting "your share" of the small token of appreciation the youngsters receive at the close of the campaign, you not only become a problem adult, but you will kill the children's Clean Block program.

Don't be guilty of this crime.

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Vets At Fort Howard Hospital Have High Morale

ADMINISTRATION BUILDING—In this six-story medical, surgical and administration building at Fort Howard, 396 patients are cared for by a 550-man staff.

The building is one of a dozen located on a peninsula overlooking the Patapsco River near Sparrows Point.

Work Bench

By Clarence Mitchell

BATON ROUGE, La. — With the assistance of a sharp-witted group of college professors, John G. Lewis Jr., grand master of the Prince Hall Grand Lodge of Louisiana Masons, is building the foundation for a peaceful but certain revolution.

Each year Mr. Lewis and his associates convene a meeting at Southern University. It is called the leadership conference and it is attended by representative citizens from all over the state.

It will not be long before the work of this conference will create such enlightenment and political know-how that Louisiana will swing from the column of backward states on civil rights to the column of fair play.

Like the careful job being done by Kelly M. Alexander in North Carolina, the program of the leadership conference stresses registration and voting. Mr. Alexander's efforts have resulted in the election of city councilmen, a congressman and a U.S. Senator.

The Louisiana effort may well determine the outcome of the next state gubernatorial seats in the House. With the exception of a few members of the city council, the persons who have won office have been white in the Tarheel state and the Pelican state.

However, if the present pace continues, there is no doubt that soon we shall see colored candidates winning posts in the state legislatures and perhaps even the Congress.

In Louisiana the persons attending the leadership conference go to class four times a day for a full week. Each class lasts for one hour and at the end of the day there is a general assembly.

This year the piloting of the conference was in the hands of Dr. W. W. Clem of Southern University. Dr. Felton G. Clark, president of Southern and J. K. Haynes, president of the Louisiana Educational Association, are also sponsors of the sessions.

Most of the faculty people are political scientists or professors of social sciences. Dr. Taylor is the only member who is not on the Southern staff. He is chairman of the social science department at Dilliard.

For a long time we have accused our intellectuals of being too far away from the main stream of every day life. There are some who contend that college faculty people cannot speak the language of the man in the streets. I wish such skeptics could have been with me at the conference.

I predict that out of this approach to southern problems there will come a valuable type of leadership that will fearlessly press for full political participation. The state and the nation will benefit from what is being done by the sponsors.

No more 'walking' for Paul G. Dorsey

31 years as a mailman, he's now going to relax

After walking the streets of Baltimore 31 years as a mailman, Paul Gerard Dorsey has decided it time to quit.

The affable Mr. Dorsey of 2410 Francis St. has retired as one of the men whom "neither rain nor sleet nor dark of night" has ever stayed from the "swift completion" of his appointed rounds.

It was in November, 1923 that Mr. Dorsey and the Post Office joined forces and the association has been a happy one which Mr. Dorsey has ended with regret.

The retirement came on recommendation of Mr. Dorsey's physician who has advised him to live at a more sedate pace. In the future the bulk of Mr. Dorsey's time will be taken up with the gentle art of relaxing.

Also on the agenda are trips to New York City with his wife, Mrs. Bessye Dorsey rooting for his favorite team, the New York Giants, to come up with pennant, and the reading of fiction stories ranging from the bang a bang of detective stogies to romantic tales.

Mr. Dorsey was born in Baltimore some 57 years ago and attended local schools. He saw service in the Army during World War I and after his discharge he began to search for a job.

He found several but none was quite what he wanted. In 1921 he took an examination for the Post Office and while he was waiting, he joined the Merchant Marine.

In 1923 Mr. Dorsey received an appointment and his future was set. His earliest days were spent at the Franklin Post Office. He then moved to the Main Post Office and then to the Walbrook station where he remained for 17 years. He returned to the main office in 1946 and completed his service there.

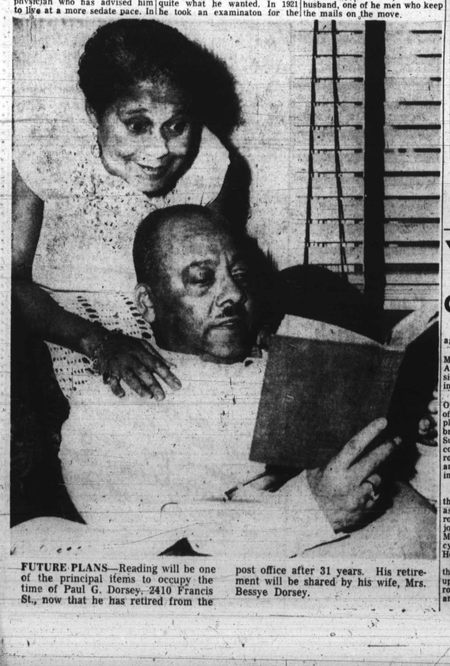
Mr. Dorsey has worn out countless pairs of shoes as a mailman and has had his share of amusing experiences.

Dollar For Honesty

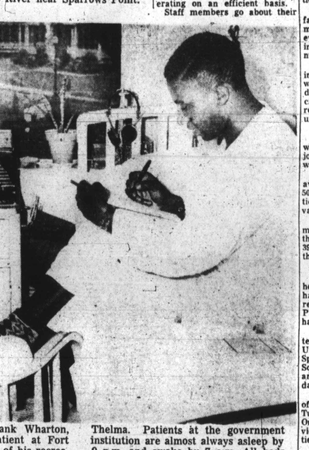
He recalls the time that he was working in the Walbrook Station and found an expensive brooch. He turned it into his superiors and the owner of the brooch rewarded his honesty wi a great big one dollar bill.

Mr. Dorsey has been married for seven years. There are no children. He is a member of the Monumental Lodge of Elks and the National Alliance of Postal Employees and St. Peter's Claver Catholic Church.

That's the story of Paul Gerard Dorsey, mailman, citizen and husband, one of he men who keep the mails on the move.



FUTURE PLANS—Reading will be one of the principal items to occupy the time of Paul G. Dorsey, 2410 Francis St., now that he has retired from the post office after 31 years. His retirement will be shared by his wife, Mrs. Bessye Dorsey.



A LETTER HOME—Frank Wharton, of 449 Manse Ct., a patient at Fort Howard, takes advantage of his recreation hour to write a letter to his wife, Thelma. Patients at the government institution are allowed to stay up until 9 p.m. and awake by 7 a.m. All beds are equipped with radio head phones.

550 workers labor for patient's sake

396 veterans now undergoing rehabilitation in hospital

By HERBERT MANGRUM

The morale of 396 patients at the Fort Howard Veterans Hospital is at an all-time high. Five hundred and fifty civil service employees are working around the clock to keep it that way.

A visit to the sprawling government hospital in the "old bay area" off Sparrows Point reveals that the institution is operating on an efficient basis.

Staff members go about their work in a dozen buildings on a 400-acre tract of land overlooking the Patapsco River. A former Army installation, the Fort was converted into a VA Hospital 10 years ago.

Why They're There

Under the management of Dr. Warren L. Fleck, employees are indoctrinated with idea that, "we are here to satisfy our patients."

The hospital has adequate bed facilities for 401 patients. Like most institutions of its kind, however, it is short of nurses. Only in rare cases are qualified nurses rejected.

The 550 employees there work in the dietetic department, on ward service, in the engineering division, power plant and special service in addition to the regular medical ad surgical units.

Colored Workers

Slightly less than ha'f of the workers are colored. The majority of them are employed as ward attendants.

Fort Howard has an above-average turnover in that from 50 to 60 per cent of its total patients are being returned to private life each year.

Occupational therapy is the main rehabilitation program there. Approximately half of the 396 patients are taking part in the program.

Other Activities

To supplement this activity the hospital conducts fishing parties, has a beautiful park area and a recreation hall overlooking the Patapsco, and a main dining hall.

First run movies head the entertainment list at Fort Howard. Under the direction of Acting Special Service Chief Wilson J. Schuerholz, theatre programs are held each Monday, Wednesday and Saturday.

Bingo parties and other forms of entertainment are held on Tuesday, Thursday, and Friday. On Sunday the Red Cross provides entertainment for the patients.

Library Service

Library service is open from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m., Monday through Friday.

The library is actually a three-in-one affair. There are books available for the medical staff, fiction and non-fiction books for patients, and cart service for those who are bedridden.

There is also an annex library for persons in the TB building. For patients unable to hold books, four ceiling projectors are available.

66,352 Magazines Borrowed

In 1953 over 16,942 books and 66,352 magazines were borrowed from the library. The staff is comprised of 2 librarians and ten volunteer workers. Voluntary service is performed through the Veterans Administration's advisory committee.

The committee brings to the hospital volunteer workers in recreation, physical medicine, sewing service, chaplaincy and recreation.

In 1952, approximately 2,337 volunteers from 29 organizations served Ford Howard for a total of 16,522 hours.

Chaplaincy

In the chaplaincy service there is a full-time Protestant chaplain, one part-time Jewish chaplain and one part-time Catholic chaplain.

Services of all faiths are held in a quonset hut chapel on the grounds as well as in a second building.

During the past year 235 Sunday services were held and masses were said. One hundred eighty Holy Communions were served in the chapel and 233 church services were heard through the use of earphones.

1,955 Consultations

There were 107 weekday services and masses and 2,502 Holy Communions at bedside. Over 1,855 consultations were held and 83 religious films were shown.

Chaplains at Fort Howard are on 24-hour call to perform related tasks which are needed to give the hospitalized veteran the spiritual guidance and assurance essential to maintain faith during periods of illness.

The recreation service provides every patient an opportunity to use his leisure time in some recreation activity in order to make his stay at the hospital as pleasant as possible.

Activities

The activities include billiards, ping pong, chess, checkers, cards, recordings, stamp collections, bedside radio programs and motion pictures

Also, fishing, crabbing, sports exhibitions, hobby art contests, and stage shows.

Last year 219 social and game activities conducted by 39 clubs and hobby groups were held at the hospital.

Over 5,040 hours of radio entertainment was made available to the patients and seven TV sets are now in operation. Twenty two musical performances were also presented along with 74 variety and stage shows.

In addition to being one of the top VA hospitals where GIs from three wars can "straighten themselves out," Fort Howard is also an example of what an efficient staff can do to teach the patients to help themselves.

COLLEGE WORKSHOP DOES ONE-ACT PLAY

JACKSON, Miss. — The Jackson College Workshop in Drama under direction of Gloria Buchanan Evans has just finished the production of a one-act play for children entitled, "Ten Minutes By The Clock."

FORT HOWARD LIBRARY—While waiting for a weekend pass, James Grice of 1005 N. Stricker St., browses through a section of the 1,500 volume library at the Fort Howard Veterans Hospital. Last year 16,942 books and 66,352 magazines were loaned out. For bed patients there are four ceiling projectors available for flashing reading material on the ceiling.

52-year teaching career concluded

Lewis H. Murray, 2022 Madison Ave. brought a teaching career of more than a half-century to a close, this month.

Mr. Murray retired on July 1 after having served for 52 years as teacher, acting principal and teacher-in-charge in the city's largest schools.

Mr. Murray graduated from the high school, here, in 1902 and immediately enrolled as a student in what was then known as the "Teachers' Training School; at that time under direction of Dr. James H. N. Warring. Also on the faculty at that time were Misses Lucinda Cook and Anna O. H. Williamson.

Among First Teaching Groups

The student body numbered 19 girls and four boys. All were assigned to regular teaching jobs the following September.

Mr. Murray went to School No. 116, located on Druid Hill Ave. between Orchard and Biddle Sts. He later went to School No. 107, on Waesche St.

After returning from study at Teachers College, Columbia University, NYC, in 1910, Mr. Murray was made a practice teacher in the Training School, and 1915 was appointed to the faculty of that school as teacher of special methods in arithmetic, geography, history and nature study.

139-A Head

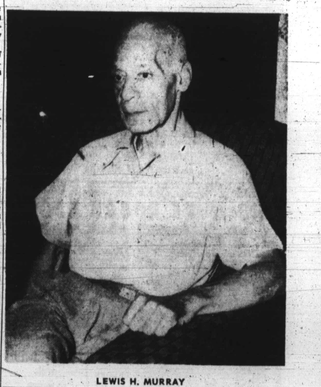
For many years, and up to his retirement, he was teacher-in-charge at 130-A. He has also been on the faculty of School No 130, the Booker T. Washington Junior High School.

During the course of his service in what is now Coppin Teachers College, Mr. Murray served as acting principal upon the death of Joseph H. Lockerman, in 1933.

It was under his direction that that institution turned out its largest graduating class. The class numbered 97 and went on record as having more boys than had ever been graduated before.

In that year's class were many who have made distinctive contributions to the city school system.

They included William Rawlings, supervisor of adult education; Bernard Ralph of the faculty of Booker T. Washington Junior High School; G. Albert Wright, James Randall, Ralph Bright, school principals; Charles King, social worker; Elmer Hawkins, Mrs. Odelle Payne, Mrs. Wynona Koger, and Miss Mary Briscoe.



LEWIS H. MURRAY

Young girl leads children to safety

Bravery is never dependant on age.

Take the case of Opal Mae Mull, 11, of 2113 Homewood Ave., who turned in an adult size rescue job last Friday morning.

The time was 9:20 a.m. and Opal was in a downstairs room of the Homewood Ave. home playing with her smaller half brother, Robert Lee McClinton. Suddenly Opal smelled smoke coming from an upstairs bedroom where the younger Mayo and Anita McClinton were playing.

Roomer Asleep

The only adult in the house at the time was a roomer who was asleep in a second-floor bedroom. The parents were at their jobs, Mayo McClinton Sr. at the Maryland Drydock and Mrs. Jenicy McClinton at St. Joseph's Hospital.

Heavy smoke began to pour through the house as Opal ran up the stairy to awaken the roomer and bring her brother and sisters to the first-floor.

The roomer called the fire department as Opal led the children out of the smoke-filled house. The fire was confined to the second-floor room where it damaged several pieces of furniture.

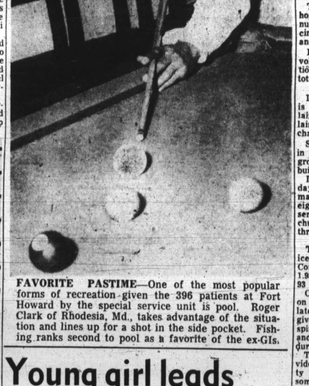
According to Mrs. McClinton, Opal took her feat of bravery in stride and the only sign of her act is a small burn on her arm.

The child is a fifth grade pupil at School No. 113.

Blind Association plans excursion

The annual bus excursion planned by the Colored Blind Association of Baltimore will be held Sunday, July 18 at Woodside Park, Pa.

Busses will leave at 8 a.m. from 33 N. Mount St. Mrs. Annie Mae Hunter is business manager of the organization. She may be reached at Gilmor 5-4698, 5-4698.



FAVORITE PASTIME—One of the most popular forms of recreation given the 396 patients at Fort Howard by the special service unit is pool. Roger Clark of Rhodesia, Md. takes advantage of the situation and lines up for a shot in the side pocket. Fishing ranks second to pool as a favorite of the ex-GIs.

Monumental Elks end 54th anniversary celebration

More than 892 visitors converged on Baltimore Sunday to help ring down the curtain on the Monumental Elks' 54th anniversary celebration.

The festivities which started on May 30, came to a conclusion at Elks headquarters, 1528 Madison Ave., following an afternoon parade.

Lodges from Wilmington, Del. and New York joined in the final phases of the celebration. The Quaker City Lodge from Philadelphia was also among those who took part.

Parade For Exalted Ruler

An afternoon parade was staged in honor of the Grand Exalted Ruler, Robert Johnson of Philadelphia.

Other visitors included Exalted Ruler John Wallace from the Mighty Monarch Lodge of New York; John Freeman, exalted ruler of the Quaker City Lodge; and Judge Amos Harris of Philadelphia.

During the week-end activities grand lodge officers discussed plans for participating in their national conference which convenes in Chicago August 22.

AIRMAN JOHNSON STRVES IN ALASKA

A/3C Reginald B. Johnson, son of Mrs. Bernice Johnson of 1643 W. Lafayette Ave., Baltimore, processed at Parks Air with Force Base, Calif., with the 3498th Personnel Processing Group enroute to Alaska.

Prior to his shipment to Alaska, Airman Johnson was stationed at Francis E. Warren Air Force Base, Wyo. as a supply records clerk.

A graduate of Douglass High School, Airman Johnson enlisted in the Air Force in November 1953.

A/3C Johnson at Parks