McKeldin To Bring Greetings at Closing Aug. 27

GUESTS AT AFRO—A total of 48 Clean Block adult advisors, a few of them pictured here, were guests of Clean Block officials at their office, 416 Druid Hill Ave., Tuesday. Refreshments were served.

No Jamboree tickets if Victory Report sheets are not in

Unless they hurry and get their Victory Report sheets to the Clean Block office, almost 50 captains and their scores of workers —will disappointed when Jamboree Time rolls around next week.

No Jamboree tickets will be given to Clean Block captains who have failed to submit these reports, Clean Block officials emphasized again Friday.

Is your Victory Report in yet?

Be sure and send in this vital 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 fences 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 painted.

CLEAN BLOCK CALENDAR

Aug. 19—Biddle Jamboree East Baltimore
Aug. 22—Begin Final Inspections
Aug. 24—Regent Jamboree No. 1 N. West Baltimore.
Aug. 25—Regent Jamboree No. 2 NW and South Baltimore.
Aug. 27—Closing, Pennsylvania Ave. A.M.E. Zion Church 1124 Pennsylvania Ave.

Jamboree tickets to qualified captains

Those who have failed to submit Victory Reports don't get them

UNDAUNTED BY RAIN Hard-working Clean Blockers of 900 McDonough St. didn't let the rain stop them when they got ready for their Honor flag - raising ceremonies. Here their advisor, Mrs. Lillian Johnson leads them in song.

Captains, co-captains and advisors aired their complaints, recalled their experiences and began another week of competitive cleaning at the regular Clean Block meeting in the auditorium of the McCulloh Homes Friday morning.

Captains were given their captains' buttons and all who had turned in Victory Reports received tickets to the three Jamboree's to be held August 19, 24, and 25.

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ALL CLEAN Block captains are required to wear their buttons at all times when working, attending meetings or visiting other blocks.

A few of these blocks, the Clean Block staff explained, had been previously listed. But some of them failed to include a corrected worker's sheet.

Others revised their list of workers after some fell by the wayside after the campaign got under way.

The blocks, captains and workers follow:

Captain Joan Ellis
100 Bethune Rd.

Janet Doughty, Carolyn Atkins, Carolyn Ellis, Deborah Barnes, Mary Ogesby, Ella Atkins, Ronald Garrett, James Owens, David Woods, James Woods, Fern Woolfolk, Shelton Garrett, Ray Garrett, Mrs. Louella Atkins, advisor.

Captain Victoria Cotton
900 Durham St.

Darrell Edmonds, Katie Mae Jones, Barry Harris, Bernard Hartlance, Phyllis Vaughn, Queen Vaughn, Sandra Wiggins, Earl Young, Charles Cotton, Brenda Harris, June Thomas, Willer Mae Davis, Vincent Thomas, Louis Davis, Delores Stokes, Marie Fitzgerald, Johnnie Mae Thomas, Davis Cotton, Dixie Thomas, Marion Cotton, Cynthia Wiggins, Mary Epps, Robert Davis, Brenda Roy Davis, Hilda Vaughn, Marva Vaughn.

Captain Dorothy Oliver
200 Douglas Ct.

Geraldine May, Hazel Carter, Zerlene Carter, James Stanley, Charene Stanley, Juanita Oliver, Emmanuel Oliver, Melvin Oliver, Lula Gunthrope, Bertha Patterson, Mazie Patterson, Jane Carolyn Jennings, Annette Jennings, Emmanuel Oliver, Angela Oliver, Robert Oliver, Leroy Moore. Geraldine McIntosh, Charles Stanley, James Stanley and George Stanley.

Captain Elsie Gaskins
100 Berlin Ave.

Shirley Carter, Carolyn Brooks, Hallie Haynes, Pecola Pinkney, Marie Hawkins, Geraldine Bowie, Delores Bond, Melvin Hawkins, Margaret Moses, Bernard Jackson, Sylvia Taylor, Joan Ann Royster, Delores Capel, and Grace Cooper.

Captain Carlos Phears
600 N. Fremont Ave.

Geneva Pratt, Harriett Hayman, Carlitha Phears, Rosa Phears, Odell Hicks, Mrs. Geneva Turner, Mrs. Lee A. Davis, Mrs. Ethel Dunlop, Willie Watson and Prophet Rush.

Captain Resenna Lee
1000 Vine St.

Shirley Boone, Dorothy Matthews, Shirley Alexander, Jeannette Boone, Margaret Boone, Martha Matthews, Leroy Hall, Delores Eley, Woodrow Wilson, Pattie McArthur, Hattie McArthur, Lucy Wilson, Arvell Bolder, Odell Bolder, Lawrence Boone, Brenda Brown, Betsy Brown, Bernard Prestcoe, Jerome Prestcoe, and Vergil Matthews.

Captain Marian Golder
1100 Woodyear St.

Mary Rich, co-captain, Beatrice Golder, Joyce Golder, Tollie Downs, Shirley Stich, Hilda Butler, Gerta Stich, Mrs. Lena Spriggs, advisor, Charlotte Jenkins, Meredith Jenkins, Margaret Taylor, David Jones, William Jones, Charles Page, Bernard Page, Delores Lee, Sandra Orange, Hilda Beters, Michael Spriggs, Annie Cunningham, Minnie Diggs, Donald Golder and Phyllis Johnson.

Captain Odessie M. Tinsley
1700 Llewellyn Ave.

John Kittrell, Mary L. Morton, Montana Morton, Walter Hampton, Carol Steward, Thomas Oxner, Clarence Hampton, Curtis A. Tinsley, Gladys I. Reed, Herman E. Tinsley, Margaret Tinsley, Ernest Fowlkes, Carolyn Fowlkes, Aron Fowlkes, Cora Tinsley, Edward Stewart and Edna Hampton.

Captain Rosa Robinson
400 Orchard St.

Phyllis Cooper, Yvonne Cooper, Joyce Brooks, William Brooks, Catherine Brooks, Charles Cooper, Gloria Allen, William Wiser, James Robinson, Sandra Jones, Sunday Barlow, Johnny Wiser, Dewitt Barlow and Lamore Barlow.

CLEAN BLOCK ● SIDELIGHTS ●

By M. FRANCIS MACKAY

CAPTAIN LOUIS TAYLOR of the 2200 block Howard St., has a neat idea and it's working, too.

Any resident of the block caught throwing stones in the street is fined one cent. And the Clean Blockers actually collect the money to help pay for supplies.

SPEAKING OF improvements, the 2300 block Guilford Ave., is also entitled to take a bow. Even the captain who is expecting to go in the hospital any day for an arm operation is doing all she can to beautify her block.

This brave captain is Myrna Tatum. We all hope she will quickly recover and be out for the closing.

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IT WAS a pity that some 30 advisors were unable to attend Tuesday. We received reports that some were ill; others were out of town or had to work. A total of 48 advisors did attend. A tour of the AFRO Building was made. Refreshments were served.

ANOTHER HONOR ROLL will be published Tuesday. One reason so many blocks have not made the Honor Roll is the captains and workers are neglecting their sweeping.

While painting has been completed and flowers have been planted, it appears that some clean blockers are afraid to use the broom.

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ADVISORS ARE WELCOME to the Jamboree given in your area. We will be disappointed if you don't attend.

CLEAN BLOCKERS should bear in mind that the committee of judges when it makes its tour on Sunday, August 22 will be grading the blocks on two points: (1) beauty, and (2) improvement.

BALTIMOREANS INTERESTED in civic affairs are urged to write the Clean Block office and let us know what you think of blocks you happen to see while riding about the city.

We are anxious to get the reaction of the public at-large.

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ATTENTION CAPTAINS, who have failed to send in their "Victory Reports" sheets! Unless these are received at once, no tickets will be issued to the jamborees. Without tickets, these youngsters will not be admitted to the Biddle or Regent Theatres.

SOME CAPTAINS have also neglected to send in their Victory Reports. These reports must be in the office by August 20, if the block is to be eligible for prizes when the committee of judges makes its tour on Sunday, August 22.

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DONT FORGET the closing exercises will be held Friday morning at 10:30 oclock, August 27 at Pennsylvania Ave., AME Zion church.

It's at Dolphin St. and Pennsylvania Ave. and can be reached by Northern trolley and No. 79 buses. Don't miss attending. That's when the winners will be announced.

CLEAN BLOCKERS are urged to visit other Clean Blocks in their neighborhood. Captains should wear their buttons and workers their armbands at all times.

48 advisors guests at AFRO building

Experiences exchanged during annual reception for adults

Problems of adult advisers in making the AFRO Clean Block Campaign a success were discussed Tuesday at the Clean Block office, 416 Druid Hill Ave.

Forty-eight advisors were present and several called to express regrets that they could not attend.

Clean Block Director M. Francis Mackay in praising the work of the advisors asserted that "their duties were the answer to a successful campaign."

A round of discussions was held in which various experiences of the advisors were exchanged.

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THE OUTGROWTH of this year's campaign has been to organize more neighborhood clubs.

Mrs. Phyllis Murphy, home economist for Pet Milk Co., demonstrated a coffee drink with Pet Milk. Later she served coffee and cake to those present.

They were:

Miss Louisa E. Reeves, 200 N. Dallas Ct.; Mrs. Lula Gunthrope, 200 Dallas Ct.; Hannah Smith, 1300 Braddish Ave.; Geraldine Batty, 2800 Denham Circle:

Also, Mrs. Thelma L. Campbell, 2800 Denham Circle; Mrs. Beaulah Oglesby, 800 W. Lexington St.; Mrs. Hazel Lumpkin, 800 Lexington St.; Mrs. Lillian Wallace, 900 W. Lexington St.

Also, Mrs. Victoria Jones, 2000 Etting St.; Mrs. Lillian M. Johnson, 900 McDonough St.; Mrs. Ardella Snowden, 1600 Booker St.;

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MRS. VIRGINIA Newman, 1400 Parrish St.; Mrs. Georgia Arvin, 400 Cummings Ct.; Viola Jones, 1900 Barclay St.; Mrs. Rita Miles, 1148 Shields Place;

Also Mrs. Ruth Coleman, 2200 N. Howard St.; Rebecca Blackwell, 1500 Clifton Ave.; Miss Anita Williams, 600 George St.;

Also Mrs. Josie Mae Burns, 2400 Brentwood Ave.; Mrs. Corrella Johnson, 3500 Round Rd.; Mrs. Blanch Johnson, 3400 Spelman Rd.; Mrs. Emma Viola Willis, 3400 Spelman Rd.;

Also, Mrs. Mary Raymond, 1200 Nolan Ct.; Mrs. Mabie S. Tisdale, 1000 Whatcoat St.; Mrs. Essie Kilpatrick, 3000 Brighton St.; William Griffin, 1500 Shields Place;

Also, Mrs. Evelyn Branch, 600 Dover St.; Mrs. Eliza Sutton, 900 Mount St.; Emma Harris, 900 N. Mount St.; Mrs. Addie Rogers, 700 N. Penn Alley;

Also, David A. Lindsay, 3500 Belle Grove Rd.; Prophet Rush, 600 N. Fremont Ave.; Mrs. Ada Williams, 700 Dolphin St., Mrs. Rosa Barnes, 400 Oxford Ct.; Also, Mrs. Ruth Payne, 400 Oxford Ct.; James Gaskin, 100 Berlins Ave.; William H. Johnson, 100 Berlin Ave.; Mrs. Mae E. Wright, 400 E. 22nd St.

Also, Mrs. Meta Nelson, 800 N. Vincent St.; Mrs. Rhuney Hawthorne, 1600 McKean Ave.; Mrs. Emma K. Jones, 800 Druid Hill; Mrs. Leona Crockett, 1600 Lanman Ct.;

Also, C. A. Parham, 2500 Madison Ave.; Mrs. Mae Watson, 1700 Llewellyn Ave.; Mrs. Sylvia Parson, 900 Bunche Rd.; Mrs. Frances Watkins, 900 N. Shuter St.; Mrs. Margaret Fox, 400 E. St. Georges Ave., and Mrs. Kislah Lyle, 2600 Bruce Terrace.

Program to be held at Pa. Ave. church

Mayor D'Alesandro says he has marked date on calendar

Governor and Mrs. Theodore R. McKeldin this week assured Clean Block Director M. Francis Mackay that they would be present at the closing exercises.

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The program will begin at 10:30 o'clock.

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The Henry R. Norris orchestra will play for the occasion, the second consecutive year their services have been made available at the closing exercises.

BAND LEADER — Henry R. Norris, whose orchestra will play at the closing of the AFRO Clean Block Campaign, through courtesy of the American Federation of Musicians.

Block Director M. Francis Mackay and her assistant, Mrs. Edith Weaver recently were guests on Tom Hawkins' Fourth Man program over television station WAAM.

In addition, Mr. Hawkins, who is special sales representative for the Coca-Cola Co. of Baltimore, is presenting a beautiful trophy to the Clean Blocker who has displayed outstanding leadership during the drive.

At the beginning of this year's drive, Mrs. Mackay and Mrs. Weaver were guests on Mrs. Dorothy Shipley Granger's "Clean City" campaign program on station WBAL.

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THEY WILL make a return appearance on Saturday, August 28, following the close of the campaign, to make a summary report on what was accomplished by hard-working Clean Blockers this summer.

Two other radio personalities, Chuck Richards and Bailey Goss, were asked this week to use their facilities in an appeal for badly needed contributions to the campaign's prize fund.

Notice that the radiocasters made the appeal for the Clean Block office from Henry Lee of the National Brewing Co.

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MR. LEE, who earlier had obtained information about the drive from Mrs. Mackay, said, "We, at National, hope that the drive, now in its playing will, in some way, contribute to the success of this worthwhile project."

Radio friends aiding appeal for prize fund

Summary report to be made on Saturday, Aug. 28

Baltimore's radio fraternity has been playing an important role in bringing about the success of the AFRO's 20th annual Clean Block Campaign, officials of the drive revealed this week.

Bill Alexander, long a friend of the movement, has not only made the facilities of his WCBM broadcast available to Clean Block officials, but has made the Gunther Brewing Co. to donate $50 to the prize fund.

Clean Blocker have made two appearances on Alexander's program and Mr. Alexander has been making repeated appeals to Baltimoreans to help the campaign financially.

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Tom Hawkins trophy to go to ace blocker

Adult advisor will be awarded engraved cup

Cash will not be the only reward awaiting prize - winning Clean Blockers when they gather Friday morning, Aug. 27 at the Pennsylvania AME Zion Church for the closing exercises.

Probably the most coveted prize will be the beautiful Tom Hawkins Trophy, which will become the proud possession of the Clean Blocker who, during the campaign, displayed outstanding qualities of leadership, organization ability and determination.

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THE TROPHY is the gift of Tom Hawkins, special sales representative of the Coca Cola Co. of Baltimore.

Selection of the winner of the trophy has been left in the hands of Clean Block officials. The presentation will be made by Mr. Hawkins at the closing program.

Another trophy, the gift of the John Ziegler Brewing Co., will be awarded to the adult advisor who has done the most to inspire people working in behalf of the summer-long campaign.

This is the third consecutive year that the Trocks-Ziegler Co., has donated this trophy.

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THREE $25 U.S. Savings Bonds are also to be awarded to conscientious Clean Block captains. They are the gift of Joe Paul, East Baltimore merchant, who for more than a decade has been interested in the AFRO Clean Block Campaign.

Competition for these special awards is always stiffer than for the cash prizes, according to Clean Block Director M. Francis Mackay.

With so many captains doing an excellent job selection of the winners will be a difficult job, she said.

SUBURBAN BLOCK—This is how the 100 block Berlin Ave., Patapsco Park block of Clean Block inspector prunes a recent surprise visit. Elise Gaskins is captain of the block, entered for the first time this year in the AFRO Clean Block Campaign.

Concert bands set final summer date

The No. 2 Concert Bands will present the last in the summer series of concerts this weekend.

One concert will be presented tonight (Friday) at 8 p.m. at School No. 135, Chase and McDonough Sts., and the second on Sunday in Druid Hill Park Grove A, at 3 p.m. Charles E. Gwynn is the conductor.

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Cotton grows in Baltimore

Mr. and Mrs. Thomas Peay are growing cotton again this year in their backyard at 4452 St. George's Ave.

They are doing so because so many people wrote them letters asking them to grow it again after they stopped in 1950.

Mr. Peay, a master mechanic mason, first started growing cotton in his backyard in 1949 as an experiment to see if it would grow in Maryland.

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THE FIRST to grow was just a little patch but, as Mrs. Peay recalls, "people came from all directions just to see it."

The Peays grew cotton again in 1950 but stopped after that.

Since that first patch, however, they have received at least 800 letters commenting on the cotton and asking them to grow some again. Mrs. Peay keeps the letters in a scrap book.

Mrs. Peay says the letters were from students and parents who brought their children to view the cotton from all over the state. One letter was from Dr. William H. Lemmel, late superintendent of schools in Baltimore.

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THIS YEAR, the Peays have nine rows planted, which Mrs. Peay says will result in a bale of approximately 375 pounds. Much of the cotton is in bloom now and Mrs. Peay has to show it to visitors daily.

The present crop is a result of replanting of cotton seed which the Peays had to gin from their last patch in 1950. They were unable to buy cotton seed in Maryland.

ROCKEFELLER BUYS PUERTO RICAN LAND

NEW YORK — Laurance S. Rockfeller has purchased 225 acres of beachfront property on northern coast of Puerto Rico, the office of the developer announced last week.

COTTON IN BLOOM—This is real cotton growing in the backyard of Mr. and Mrs. Thomas Peay at 4452 St. George's Ave. It's about 3½ feet high now and represents about a bale weighing 375 pounds. Mr. Peay first grew a patch of cotton as an experiment in 1949 and 1950. He stopped but received many letters from all over the state asking him to grow it again. This is the result.

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.

By JAMES HICKS

NEW YORK — When Ezzard Charles was the reigning heavyweight champion, he used to stand in the lobby of the Hotel Theresa and be as unnoticed as the mailbox which hangs on the lobby wall between the elevators.

For some reason, people just didn't warm up to Charles, champ or no champ, he was just another guy coming in the lobby to New Yorkers.

Ezzard lost his crown and people didn't notice him then even as much as they had before. He just couldn't seem to capture the heart of the people like Joe Louis and the others.

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A FEW WEEKS ago, however, Rocky Marciano almost beat Charles' brains out and Charles stood up and took it and tried to lynch Rocky while he was getting ready to leave the ring, remember that great fight, of course.

Well the other day Charles stepped up to front of the Theresa Hotel and you should have seen the change! At first you would have thought that Joe Louis had just come back to town after recapturing the championship.

Everywhere Charles turned people were pushing to shake his hand. The waitresses in the coffee shop, the bell hops and customers at the counter came out on the sidewalk to get a good look at him as if they had never seen him before.

I SAT SIPPING a cup of coffee and watched it all. I was recalling a night in Madison Square Garden when Charles had won a fight by a knockout. The fans had booed him when he left the ring.

And when I interviewed him in his dressing room he was wringing his hands and saying "I tried to give them a good fight. I knocked the guy out and still they booed me! I don't know what they want."

I was thinking about all this as I watched some of these same people wringing Charles' hands the other day. As I watched I wondered if the Charles had ever found the answer to his question: "What is it that the public wants?"

Frankly — I'd like to know the answer myself!

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THE PAST week in the Big Town could well be named Give-Away - Week. T.B. a temperature soared up near 100 and people, especially the women, seemed interested in the Big Apple's Big Town.

First, Catherine Basie, wife of Count Basie and a member of the Rinkeydinks, gave a cruise down the Hudson and came back without her pocketbook and bankroll. She was among friends and some friend got too friendly with her pocketbook!

THEN THE National Association of Fashion and Accessory Designers hit town and got right in the give - away act.

First Freddye Henderson, Atlanta's pretty president of the NAFAD, rushed out and bought herself a brand new movie camera. Then she laid it down in a photo booth and when she was the end of the movie camera.

The fashion designers then went on a tour of the United Nations building. When Mrs. Beulah Baisden of St. Louis got to the UN gift shop, she took a wallet with $101 in it and laid it on the counter and began walking around inspecting the goods for sale!

You know the answer, of course! When Mrs. Bailey returned, the wallet and the $101 had grown tired of waiting for her and had taken off for parts unknown in the company of another person.

The most embarrassing loss of the week, however, went to one of the fashion designers who didn't attempt to claim her lost goods.

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THE DESIGNERS were all rushing to board a plane at Idlewild Airport for their trip to Europe. As one of the members of the group dashed for the plane, she lost her garter belt!

She stopped, looked back, went through some strange motions with her hands and then rushed on to board the plane.

The lost article just lay there — "lost!" All of which reminds us that the wedding in Europe must have been veddy veddy interesting!

The Major Robinsons' expect a little columnist any day now! And over in New Jersey the Leo Fieldses are shopping for baby clothes.

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THE DODGER and Giant fans in Harlem are rapidly reaching the "good-speaking" stage. You can yell "Say, Hey" in some bebop bars on Lenox Ave. and be "bopped" right in your big mouth!

I've just witnessed the greatest Big Apple Show ever produced. My young son, Jimmy and his "Ma-Ma" went down to see the Howdy Doody show and I sat at home to watch.

When Jimmy's mug appeared on our screen, I suddenly knew how Cecil B. DeMille felt when he produced the "Greatest Show o Earth"

You mean you didn't see last Tuesday's Howdy Doody show? Meah to tell me you spent $300 for a television set and then sat back and missed the greatest show of the year!

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AHEM! MR. HICKS (That's my son I'm talking about) appeared on the scene, thanks to courtesy and influence of George Norford of the NBC press department, who is a friend of his Mom and pop and the husband of Lena Horne Johnson (Hell, you name - dropping father!)

The Howdy Doody Show, in case you don't already know, can be seen via WNBT channel 4, and very advertising spots featuring crunchy Kellogg rice crispies and Colgate's dental cream! And that's a plug!

(Lookout 'im— he's still raving!)

For the past six weeks I have been bouncing around in the various AFRO - AMERICAN offices around the country, pinch-hitting for AFRO editors on vacation.

It was a new and novel experience for this reporter to suddenly become editor for a few weeks. I learned oodles and oodles of things about newspaper work which I never had known before.

The experience was great and I enjoyed every moment of it, but what I started out to do now is to thank you and you and you for being so great.

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WHEN I took over the AFRO in your community, you dropped around like the darling that you are and bent my ears with news tips and kept the telephone busy with social chatter that helped us to fill up those wide empty columns with which we were faced.

I made my share of mistakes and you seemed to realize that editing was new to me. So you just looked the other way (and probably prayed that your regular AFRO editor would be back soon).

Now that it's over, I could write a whole column of just names of people I should thank personally.

I could start with the AFRO staffs of Samuel Hoskins in Philadelphia and Samuel Haynes in Newark and toss in the names of Philadelphians like Harriet Wright Lemon, of the Philadelphia Wrights, Edna Thomas down in the Philadelphia mayor's office, Raymond P. Alexander;

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HANK SPARKS of the Armstrong Association, Brad Laws, public relations counsel; Dr. W. H. Gray, Governor's commission; Beverly Carter who is running for Congress and Joe Baker and his Associates.

In New Jersey I couldn't have made it without the help of such people as the CIO's Chapin, the Democrats' dynamic Harris Stokes down at City Hall; Crawford in the mayor's office in Newark, Hugh Jacobs in Post Office;

Harry Wheeler, who is out to win a Freeholders position in Jersey, Phil Thigpen, Harry Smith, Judge Anthony Guiliano of Newark's Fourth Precinct, Luther Jackson of the Newark News;

THE REV. W. P. Hayes, Dr. Harold Lett of Jersey's Commission Against Discrimination, Dr. Ulysses Wiggins of Camden, the Rev. C. T. Wilcher and dozens of others.

Those names would be just a beginning. But you see what you run into when you start calling names.

So, just let me say this: I'm back on my beat again on the Boulevard of Broken Dreams in the Big Town (Seventh Ave. to you).

AND I'M all in one piece and sleeping well at night because you and you and you were so darn nice about permitting me to enter the gates of your city and helping me do a job about which I knew little.

So, rather than try to call more names, just let me say thanks a million to you, and you and you, even you!

And until they put me in motion again in some other spot, I'll go back now to being what I'm so well to be:

Your eyes and ears in the Big Town.

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TOP MAN—Robert Nesbitt, 36, of 351 Suder Rd., Catonsville, holds down the top post in the Baltimore office of the National Maritime Union as port agent. Here he talks to one 1,600 seamen he heads in this large port.

THIRD TERMER—Charles A. Mills of Honeysuckle Ct., Day Village, was recently elected to his third term as a patrolman of the Baltimore port for the National Maritime Union. Secretary is Mrs. Susan Hunt of 1222 N. Caroline St.

Needy family aided by strangers' gifts

AFRO story brings food, clothing, $$ to Griffins

Baltimoreans opened their hearts this week for Mrs. Josephine Griffin, 27, of 576 Orford St.

In response to a story which appeared in Tuesday's edition of the AFRO, at least ten persons visited the four-room apartment of Mrs. Griffin on Wednesday with food, clothing and money.

Neighbors learned of the story Mrs. Griffin and her seven children who lived on bread and coffee for all last week because they had no money to buy food.

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MRS. GRIFFIN'S husband left his family in March. For a time he supported them with money sent through the Welfare Department—but the checks ended several weeks ago.

Since that time the only money Mrs. Griffin has received was $56 from the Welfare Department which was quickly spent for food and rent.

According to Mrs. Griffin, she was informed that she will receive no additional money from this source because of the lack of funds.

The Probation Department is making efforts to compel Mrs. Griffin's husband to support his family she said, and a hearing hearing is scheduled to be held within the next few days.

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MEANWHILE, Mrs. Griffin who is expecting her eighth child within a few months, is trying to work and is faced with the problem of feeding her children until she begins receiving money from her husband.

One of the persons who has come to the aid of Mrs. Griffin is Mrs. Henry Thomas of 1028 W. Lexington St., who gave the family $5.

The gifts from the strangers has fed Mrs. Griffin to feed and clothe her children, but she has not been able to accumulate enough money to pay off her back rent of $29 or have her gas and electric service restorted by the payment of $11.

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ALSO NEEDED by the Griffins are additional food to last next week and items of clothing for the children ranging in age from ten months to 12 years.

When visited by an AFRO reporter on Wednesday, Mrs. Griffin was close to tears as she tried to find words to express her appreciation for the kindness of complete strangers.

Her words were simple and sincere and she asked.

"Please tell the people that I am grateful for their help. God bless them all."

Airmen sought for reserve unit

The Air Force, in response to the needs of the Baltimore-Washington area, has established the 2259th Air Force Reserve Combat Training Center at Andrews Air Force Base, located between Washington and Upper Marlboro.

The 2259th AFRCTC is now accepting applications from persons interested in becoming a part of the 756th Troop Carrier Squadron.

The 756th Troop Carrier Squadron will be provided with optional transport aircraft and will meet one weekend each month for which the Reservists will receive four days pay and four Reserve points.

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THE 756TH Troop Carrier Squadron has several openings for officers, especially pilots, and a great many openings for airmen in all grades and specialties.

Long range cross country flights are a routine part of the Troop Carrier—Mobility Command.

Interested Reservists may visit, write, or call the 2259th AFRCTC, Andrews Air Force Base, Washington 25, D.C. or telephone Redwood 5-8900, Extension 8-4100.

Dr. Gill's campaign cost $706

Some $706.55 was spent on the campaign of Dr. Robert L. Gill, unsuccessful candidate for State Senator in the June 28 primary election.

The following contributions and expenditures were listed in the Circuit Court report filed by William I. Gosnell, campaign $100; Dr. and Mrs. Gill, $460.25; fund treasurer:

RECEIPTS — McKeldin Club, Lemuel Leeper, $3; Garrett Rawlings, $5; George Douglass, $5; William I. Gosnell, $49; Omega Psi Phi, $8.30; Fred Weigas, $10; Mrs. Paulino Almindinger, $25;

The Rev. James Matthews, $5; Isaac H. Young, Chuck Richards.

$10

Dr. R. Garland Chissell, Mrs. Lillie M. Jackson, Dr. Martin Rodney, Mr. and Mrs. Albert G. Wright, Dr. and Mrs. B. M. Rhetta Sr., Dr. and Mrs. Bernard Christmas, Sr.

Mrs. Clara Landay, Mrs. Edythe D. Myers, Mr. and Mrs. Ernest Johnson, J. C. Ford Jr., Carl Murphy, Dr. Louis E. Harmon, William Adams, David Mason, Mrs. Elizabeth Phillips, Miss Mary Louise Allen, Mrs. Bruce McDonald, Mrs. Mabel L. Fridge, Mrs. Ida M. Watkins.

$5

Rev. A. J. Payne, William Mumby, Miss Margaret Williams, Rev. J. J. Barnes, Rev. Ward D. Verity, Howard Murphy, Dr. J. Leslie Jones, Mrs. Alverta J. Cundiff, Mrs. Sara Diggs, Dr. C. R. Campbell, Dr. Bruce Alleyne, Mrs. Vivian G. Alleyne, Mr. and Mrs. Clarence Roberts;

Gerald B. Wilson, Dr. Houston Jackson, Robert Diggs, Daniel Spaulding, Dr. Herbert Moseley, Miss Emma F. Bright, E. Lane, Dr. Leroy Berry, Mrs. Edna O. Gray, Mrs. Lillian S. Watts, Delta Pharmacal Corp., Dr. Maurice L. Adams, Dr. Glenford Mussenden, Mr. and Mrs. James W. Fuller.

Meet top man, his aide in Baltimore's big NMU

By JAMES D. WILLIAMS

Meet the number one man in the Baltimore office of the National Maritime Union of America, CIO.

He is Robert Nesbitt and his post as port agent for Baltimore places him at the head of some 1,600 seamen who ship out of this city, the second largest port on the East Coast.

Mr. Nesbitt is the first colored man to be elected by members of the NMU as agent for a port south of the Mason - Dixon line. He won his office over the opposition of two other candidates in the union's recent general election.

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A TOTAL OF 8,883 votes were cast for Mr. Nesbitt, giving him an edge of more than 3,000 votes over the runner-up.

The same election saw Charles A. Mills, 34, of 111 Honeysuckle Ct., Day Village, win his bid for a third two-year term as one of the four patrolmen in the Baltimore port.

The careers of the 36-year-old Nesbitt and Mills are almost identical. Both started working on ships 19 years ago, both came through the ranks to reach the important posts they now hold and both are ardent supporters of the NMU.

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AS PORT AGENT, Mr. Nesbitt is charged with the responsibility of seeing that ships are manned with union crews, of placing men on the shipping list for jobs and performing a variety of administrative jobs connected with the running of the union office.

He is married and has a son, three years old. He lives at 351 Sudor Rd., Catonsville.

Serving as his chief's "right hand man" Mr. Mills keeps the union members informed of new developments in the NMU, settles disputes and grievances and checks the ships under contract to use NWU members.

A native of Jacksonville, Fla., Mr. Nesbitt went to sea when he was 17-years-old. His first job was as a mess man. For 12 years, Mr. Nesbitt stayed at sea and during World War II, he was aboard ships that were in the invasions of France, North Africa and New Guinea.

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IN 1937, Mr. Nesbitt joined the NMU. By the time he was ready to leave the sea after 12 years, he had been promoted to chief steward. In 1946, he was appointed as a dispatcher in the port of New York and in 1949, he was elected a patrolman of the port.

His election as port agent for Baltimore has been credited to the support and encouragement he received from Joseph Curran, national president of the NMU, and M. Hedley Stone, national treasurer.

True to the tradition of the NMU that opposes discrimination, these top officers supported Nesbitt to head the Baltimore NMU with roughly 8 per cent of its membership white, because they believed he was the man best qualified for the job.

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MR. MILLS STARTED sailing when he was a 15-year-old. He had just graduated from high school in Galveston, Tex., and jobs were scarce when a friend suggested that he try the life of a sailor. Mr. Mills served as and able bodied seaman and a bosun before he came ashore to take a union job.

During his sea career, Mr. Mills took part in the invasions of North Africa, Southern Italy and was torpedoed twice. The first time he was on a run to the Russia, and he spent five days in an open lifeboat. The second time came off the coast of the United States. This time the ship was able to limp into port.

This is Mr. Mills third term as a port patrolman and in his own words:

"I like my job because I am in a position where I can help fellow union members."

Mr. Mills was the first colored patrolman in Galveston, Texas, and the first appointed port agent in New Orleans. He is married and has four children ranging in age from 6 to 17.

Citizens give $$ for YW air conditioning

A citizens' committee to raise money to air condition the Madison Ave YWCA dining room has collected $637.10 to date. An additional $836 is still needed.

However, installation of the air condition units was begun this week in the hope that the balance can be raised before the end of the month, according to J. Emmett Frisby, chairman.

Contributions are being accepted by committee members and at the YW. Checks or money orders should be made payable to Marguerite Harmon, treasurer.

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OTHER OFFICERS of the citizens committee are: Dr. Maurice Doles, co-chairman, and Miss Mary Louise Allen, secretary.

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FOLLOWING IS a list of contributors to the campaign who have given $5 or more:

$50.00

Dr. A. U. Forte.

$25

Mrs. Helen A. Holland, Dr. D. O. W. Holmes, W. Emerson Brown, J. Arnett Frisby, Dr. Maurice D. Doles.

$15

Miss E. Estelle Thomas, Dr.

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