Daughter fails to qualify as witness, father freed

A 31-year-old father, charged with molesting his five-year-old daughter, was acquitted by Judge Herman M. Moser in Criminal Court, Wednesday, when the child failed to qualify as a witness in the case.

Acquitted was Bernard Sizemore, 3200 block E. Baltimore St.

The case, which was scheduled last week, was postponed with court orders that the child be instructed to understand the meaning of taking an oath as a witness and to know the difference between telling the truth or a falsehood.

Additional questioning of the child this week showed that she still failed to understand the procedure and the judge dismissed the case.

Baltimore officer completes course

Army 2d Lt. Freddie D. Mitchell, whose wife, Leverla Mitchell, lives at 1403 N. Caroline St., recently was graduated from the Infantry School's basic infantry officers course at Fort Benning, Ga.

The son of Mrs. Eula B. Nixon, 3500 13th St., Washington, D.C., he was graduated from Morgan State College in 1955 and is a member of Omega Psi Phi Fraternity.

Rutgers law prof

NEW YORK—Clarence C. Ferguson Jr., assistant U.S. Attorney in the Southern District, has been appointed as an assistant professor at the Rutgers University Law School, New Brunswick, N.J.

A native of Baltimore, Mr. Ferguson, 30, is a graduate of Ohio State University and Harvard Law School, where he served for one-year as a teaching fellow following his graduation.

VISIT AFRO PLANT—While visiting Mrs. J. Loan Jenkins last week, these four Bostonians also made a tour of the AFRO plant. They are, left to right, Mrs. Ethel Vynn, Lenoard Burwell, his wife, Mrs. Margaret Burwell, and Mrs. Henry Waters.

New telephone directories out

Baltimore's new 1955 telephone directory is being delivered this week according to an announcement by G. C. Hicks, division manager for the Chesapeake and Potomac Telephone Co.

Mr. Hicks said over a million copies of the Baltimore and Baltimore suburban directories will be delivered to subscribers. It will take 500 men to complete the delivery by August 31.

The cover has been redesigned but still features the long distance theme. The cover color this year is green for Baltimore and gray for Baltimore suburban so that any subscriber, visiting any city, may reach "Time" or "Weather" by using the same number.

PRINTING AND binding the directories was a big job that took 136 barrels of ink, 48 barrels of glue and over 1,500 tons of paper. Forty-five freight cars were needed to carry the directories to Baltimore.

Mr. Hicks emphasized that there have been many changes in telephone listings since the last issue of the directory.

For example "Time" is now TI 4-2222 and "Weather" is WE6-2222.

These changes were made to conform with a nationwide pattern.

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Missing boy found floating in harbor

An 11-year-old boy reportedly told police Tuesday that he saw two white youths push a 10-year-old East Baltimore youth into the harbor to drown last Friday.

The youth said Herman Patterson, a pupil at School 116, had $2 in his pocket when the boys followed them from a restaurant where they had bought a submarine sandwich.

"When Herman refused to give them his money," the boys stated, "they pushed him in and ran."

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THE SEARCH for the youth, reported missing from his home at 136 S. Bond St., last Friday, came to an end Tuesday in the harbor waters off Locust Point.

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THE BODY of Herman, son of Mr. and Mrs. Thomas Patterson, was found floating face down in the water — more than two miles from where he reportedly was pushed off a dock.

The 11-year-old witness said a fight started and Herman was pushed into the water.

"When he sank from sight we all ran," the boy told police.

He said he didn't tell his parents about the incident because he was afraid.

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MR. AND MRS. Patterson learned a day later that a rope was nearby and could have been thrown to their son if the boys had not become excited.

The body of young Patterson was taken to the City Morgue where it was identified from clothing by his father.

Mr. Patterson said his son had earned "a little money" carrying packages at a supermarket on the day of his death.

Funeral services were held today (Friday). The arrangements are being handled by the Elroy Wilson Funeral Home. The youth is survived by four brothers and a sister.

Studying in U.S.A.

NEW YORK — Frederick S. Arkhurst, assistant information officer of the Gold Coast Information Services Department in Africa, an Eisenhower exchange fellow, is in this country to study mass communication techniques.

His work on the Gold Coast is concerned with the promotion there of health, education, better farming practices and good relations among rural and often conservative communities.

Moody breaks check racket

Officer Leroy Moody of the Northwestern District has been credited with playing a leading role in the capture of two men wanted in connection with the passage of a number of bogus checks.

The two suspects, who are scheduled to face hearings this afternoon (Friday) at Northwestern, have been sought for several weeks following a number of complaints by Pennsylvania Ave. merchants who had been victimized by the worthless checks.

This week, half an hour after he had been assigned to the case, Officer Moody picked up one of the suspects and after questioning him with Sgt. William J. Lowe, obtained information which lead to the arrest of the other suspect.

The checks were identified as the stolen property of a manufacturing firm in Elkridge and ranged from $25 to $100.

Judge frees man in robbery try

A 27-year-old man, who had been identified to police as the leader of a four-man ring which attempted to rob a real estate office in the 1600 block Harford Ave., July 6, was acquitted this week by Judge Ralph Warnken in Criminal Court.

George Harris, 200 block E. 22nd St., represented by Milton B. Allen, attorney, was found not guilty when two of his alleged associates confessed that he had not participated in the crime.

The two companions, Donald Turner, 27, of Old Annapolis Rd., and Richard Jones, 21, 2100 block Barclay St., were found guilty of the robbery attempt.

Judge Warnken is holding the disposition of those cases under advisement pending the trial this fall, of another member of the gang, Elmore Gee, 21, 2100 block Barclay St.

Back from Caribbean

EAST ORANGE, N.J.—Isham B. Jones, field representative of the New Jersey Division Against Discrimination, last week returned from Puerto Rico, where he was one of 25 American social workers who were guests of the government there at an intercultural relations workshop.

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1955 campaign sets Clean Block record

230 blocks enrolled; 14,868 participate in annual drive

The 21st annual AFRO Clean Block Campaign which ends today was the biggest in history, Clean Block Director M. Francis Mackay announced.

The remarkable growth was attributed to the registration of blocks from more widespread areas than ever before, she said.

Of particular interest was the enrollment of Lafayette Courts, eight blocks in south Baltimore, and 15 blocks from the Patapsco Park area in Anne Arundel County.

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IN ADDITION, lawn and porch front blocks in many of the new areas to which AFRO readers have moved are taking part for the first time this year.

A total of 230 blocks were registered in 1955. This figure compares with 222 participating in the campaign in 1954 and the 187 taking part in 1953 and the 86 in 1952.

A total of $1,124.50 was given which enrolled in 1952.

In 1954, while $1,231.75 was raised and given for distribution among winning blocks for this year's campaign.

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HERE ARE SOME figures: The first figure is for 1955; the second, 1954; the third, 1953; and fourth, 1952.

Pairs of steps painted: 1,914, 1,767, 963, 804.

Pairs of marble steps clean or whitewashed: 1,810, 1,606, 405, 148.

Number of houses painted: 1,630, 1,532, 804, 726.

Number of houses with woodwork painted: 2,723, 2,712, 1,837, 875.

Number of houses with woodwork cleaned: 3,653, 3,047, 1,282, 972.

Yards cleaned: 3,621, 3,162, 2,013, 1,149.

Number of houses with flowers in painted pots: 3,658, 3,069, 2,046, 421.

Number houses with flowers in window boxes: 2,901, 1,189, 631, 557.

Alleys cleaned: 887, 800, 609, 557.

Cellars cleaned: 1,868, 1,775, 1,017, 736.

Yards in which flowers were planted: 4,142, 2,670, 1,843, 837.

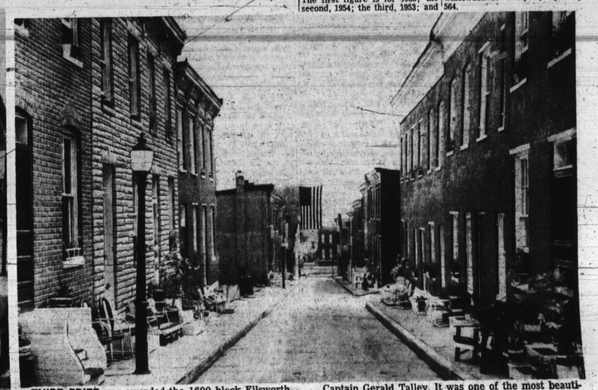
FAMILIES IN block helping: 5,963, 4,057, 4,404, 1,317, 962, 624.

Number of persons in block: 14,868, 10,200, 9,018, 2,012.

Number of fences painted or whitewashed: 1052, 1,301, 827, 564.

WINNER—600 block Barre St., Lucy Walker, captain, wins top prize of $75 for its 100 percent cooperation, three lots turned into parks and overall beauty.

SECOND PRIZE went to 600 block Lee St., a red and white South Baltimore block, of which Barbara Cooper is captain. Her workers gave the winning block a close race.



THIRD PRIZE was awarded the 1600 block Ellsworth St., in East Baltimore, which was led to the top by Captain Gerald Talley. It was one of the most beautiful in this year's drive.

FOURTH PRIZE went to a perennial AFRO Clean Block winner, the 2000 block of Etting St., in Northwest Baltimore. Jeanette Rice, the captain, stressed a green and white color motif.

FIFTH PRIZE honors were given the 900 block Shuter St., in East Baltimore, Ella Payne, captain. Clean Blockers of this area are old hands in the annual AFRO campaign.

$5 donation raises fund to $1,231

Mrs. Lillian Parrott, principal-elect of Booker T. Washington Junior High School, had the distinction of being the final contributor to the 1955 AFRO clean Block prize fund Tuesday.

She personally brought her $5 check to the Clean Block office at 416 Druid Hill Ave.

Two other last minute contributors helped swell the final report on the fund to an impressive $1,231.75.

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TRULY HATCHETT, member of the Maryland Assembly and prominent fraternal leader, forwarded his check for $5.

James Gray, well known contractor, who had contributed $5 earlier in the campaign, stopped by the Clean Block office and left another $1 "to help the children."

This amount was distributed Friday morning to those Clean Blockers who had faithfully carried out the rules and regulations of the 21st annual AFRO Clean Block Campaign.

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CHECKS WERE given captains of 144 blocks, including those who won the five top prizes.

144 Blocks Share In $1,231 Clean Block Fund

2 South Baltimore blocks win first and second place awards

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the second consecutive year served as captain.

A total of 15 blocks was placed in the "honorable mention" category, which entitled their Clean Blockers to checks for $17.50.

Twenty-five blocks were classed in the "A" group and were awarded $12 each.

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A TOTAL of 83 blocks classified as "B" blocks received $6 each, while 87 blocks placed in the "D" category were given $3 each.

Many special prizes were awarded the more enterprising Clean Blockers this year.

Selected as the "most outstanding Clean Block Captain" of the 1955 campaign was Miss Myrna Tatum of the 2300 block Guilford Ave.

She was awarded the coveted Tom Hawkins trophy in recognition of this honor.

The Trockenbrot Trophy awarded annually to the adult who has proved most helpful in the campaign went to George W. Hill, well known South Baltimore leader, who served as Clean Block supervisor of his area.

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THE THREE $25 U.S. Savings Bonds, the gift of Joe Paul, genial East Baltimore merchant, went to Captain Christine Harvey of 1000 N. Dallas St., Captain William Singletary, 2400 Brentwood Ave., and Captain Betty Williams, 1200 McElderry Court, Douglass-Somerset housing project.

Winner of the $5 first prize in this year's Clean Block Song Contest was Miss Grace E. Robinson of 433 Cummings Ct., McCulloh Homes.

The $3 second prizes went to Miss Marie Horshaw of 1149 N. Mount St., while the third prize of $2 was awarded Miss Brenda Green of 2018 Division St.

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THE COMPLETE list of winners in the 1955 campaign follows:

1st, 600 Barre St. Captain Lucy Walker—$75.

2nd, 600 Lee St., Captain Barbara Cooper—$50.

3rd, 1600 Ellsworth St., Captain Ronald Lang.

1900 Ridgehill Ave., Captain Bertha McClellan.

2300 Guilford Ave., Captain Myrna Tatum.

2000 Division St., Captain Brenda Green.

600 Dover St., Captain Maxine Brooks.

1200 Nolan Ct., Captain Nathaniel Jackson.

900 Mount St., Captain Brenda Fews.

1100 Warner St., Captain Joseph Pinder.

1600 E. Chase St., Captain Katherine Allen.

400 Oxford Ct., Captain Elmira Thornton.

2600 Francis St., Captain Ruth Turner.

1800 Henneman St., Captain Stella Mae Brice.

4900 St. Georges Ave., Captain Cynthia Morton.

2800 Winwood Ct., Captain Alvidene Richardson

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U.S. SAVINGS BONDS ($25)

1000 N. Dallas St., Captain Christine Harvey.

2400 Brentwood Ave., Captain William Singletary.

1200 McElderry Ct., Captain Betty Williams.

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SPECIAL PRIZES

TOM HAWKINS TROPHY — Captain Myrna Tatum.

TROCKENBROT TROPHY — Mr George W. Hill

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THE FOLLOWING will receive five tickets to the Biddle Theatre:

Captain Vera Rea Brooks, 1600 Barnes St.

Captain Rondy Griffin, 1600 Bond St.

Captain Gerald Talley, 1600 Ellsworth St.

Captain Gwendolyn Woodland, Hakesley Pl.

Captain Paul Tolbert, 200 Montford Ave.

Captain Eldrege Ragsdale, 1200 Waldo Ct.

Captain Janet Haney, 200 Bethel Ct.

Captain Troy Bennett, 100 Central Ave.

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THE FOLLOWING WILL receive one quart of ice cream: Captain Ella Jane Myers, 1800 Braddish Ave.

Captain Raymond Watts, 800 Carrollton Ave.

Captain Elissa Lyle, 2600 Bruce Terrace.

Captain Arthur Brown, 800 Druid Hill Ave.

Captain Robert Harris, 1600 Mullikin Ct.

Captain Deidre Dixon, 1600 Vincent Ct.

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THE FOLLOWING will receive glassware:

Miss Louisa Reeves, advisor

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TOP WINNERS

First Prize — $75
600 Barre St., Lucy Walker, Captain

Second Prize — $50
600 Lee St., Barbara Cooper, Captain

Third Prize — $35
1600 Ellsworth St., Gerald Talley, Captain

Fourth Prize — $25
2000 Etting St., Jeannette Rice, Captain

Fifth Prize — $20
900 Shuter St., Ella Payne, Captain

HONORABLE MENTION BLOCKS—$17.

200 Spring Ct., Captain Margie Taylor.

1700 Llewellyn Ave., Captain Ronald Lang.

1900 Ridgehill Ave., Captain Bertha McClellan.

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erated play areas.

Idea for decorating the vacant lots, she revealed, came after discovering an intoxicated man sleeping among the high weeds.

LACKING A lawn mower, and armed only with two scissors, shovels, and a dozen pair of willing hands, they eliminated the weeds and cut the grass to an eye-appealing length.

The most helpful adults in the campaign, she said, were Mrs. Joseph Lively and Charles Rice, who operate an undertaking establishment in the block; Israel Shapiro, who owns many of the houses; Mrs. Anna Dixon, Mrs. Gloria Smith, Miss Lillian Moore, George Dennis, and Mrs. Ruth Dennis.