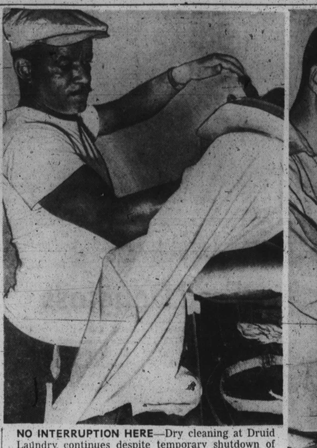
IN AND OUT REAL FAST—Photo at left shows Otis Flemming, 1620-Druid Hill Ave., leaving Druid Laundry with his week's clothes. He had his shown in right photo, bundle still in hand. Druid hopes to open with fresh capital in next two weeks.



NO INTERRUPTION HERE—Dry cleaning at Druid Laundry continues despite temporary shutdown of laundry plant. Druid provides same-day service. Operator of pressing machine is Wooney Adams, 540 Wilson St.

"WELL, CLEAN THEM"—That's what this youngster said when he visited Druid Laundry to find that the laundry section was closed temporarily, but the drycleaning department is open. Austin Lansey hands him ticket for pair of pants. Young William Lansey looks on in center.

Druid has helped 'wash' Baltimore for six decades

By JOHN JASPER

"We are still working on our financial reorganization."

These were the words on Thursday of E. Gaines Lansey, president of the Druid Laundry, as he discussed the future of the pioneer Baltimore institution.

Last week for the first time in its 58 - year history, the Druid Laundry closed down its laundry plant with the announcement that it would "reopen "in about two weeks."

The dry cleaning department of the plant was kept open and is accepting work every day.

IT WAS LOCATED first on the north side of Druid Hill Avenue not far from Biddle Street.

The AFRO knows because at that time it was a job shop and printed the Druid Laundry tickets.

The first item on the old Pratt Laundry ticket in those days was then shirts and the next item, collars.

Ing men in those days wore shirts with collars attached.

On Sunday they wore a shirt from which the collar was separated and both shirt and collar were laundered separately.

The collars had three button holes on them, one in the middle and one on each end. The shirts had a collar button at the front and back.

Later the shirts had three buttonholes corresponding with those in the collar. Patented collar buttons were inserted through the holes.

Collars cost two cents apiece to launder and a man had to wear at least one fresh collar every day, so that his laundry bill, for collars alone was likely to be fourteen cents a week.

When that seemed too high or too expensive, he could always go down to the dry goods store and buy collars made out of rubber or celluloid that he could wear a week without changing, because they could be cleaned with a wet or damp cloth.

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THERE HAS been a change also in other items besides collars and shirts.

Fifty years ago, all the underwear was long. Men as well as women wore the long underwear.

In the winter time, it would be red flannel or wool and in the summer it would be cotton.

But they certainly extended all the way down to the ankles and from the shoulders to the wrists.

Anybody in Baltimore who did not wear tags in his drawers or sleeves on his arms would certainly be regarded as a crackpot.

YOUNG BOYS wore knee length pants and covered their leg with stockings above the knees and wore garters to hold them up. Knickers came later and later still long pants.

Today, Druid still specializes in shirts and has a reputation for excellent care of household linens and drycleaning garments.

Baltimoreans who have watched Druid grow and renover a valuable service to the community will wish that the financial difficulties in which it finds itself now, will soon be overcome and that Druid will be able to continue its job of "washing" a large segment of Baltimore.

Associated with Mr. Gaines Lansey in the business are Miss Josephine Lansey, vice president; Warren Lansey, secretary; Teackle Lansey, treasurer.

The members of the board of directors are: Edward, Lincoln, Al, and Austin Lansey.

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School board boosts budget

Submitting its budget this week for 1957 the Board of School Commissioners has asked for a total of $3,407,322 an increase of nearly five million dollars over the 1956 allowance.

The board said that increase was due to three factors:

1. The raise in the pay schedule granted in 1956, and the establishment of a number of new positions in the school system.

2. An expected increase of 6,310 pupils in 1957, representing 4.26 per cent of the total school population.

Needed to take care of the additional pupils are 201 educational employees, 67 building employees, and 14 clerical and health employees, the board said.

3. The necessity for raising the salaries of summer school teachers, evening school teachers, and high school athletic coaches.

Also the necessity to reduce the class size where possible, the increase in child guidance staffs, the improvement of supporting services in elementary schools such as art, music, reading clinics and speech correction teachers.

THE BOARD also explained that the increase in request had been affected by the schedule opening this fall of three new schools and four additions including one of five rooms at the Fairmount Hill General Vocational School.

Also working an effect in the budget will be the opening of nine new schools in 1957, including the third Cherry Hill elementary school and the Gwynns Falls Elementary school.

The board reported that half of the Baltimore children in grades one to six are in classes of 40 or more. Granting of an additional $72,000 over the 1956 budget the board said, would make it possible to employ 50 additional teachers so that 14,000 pupils would be in classes of 35 rather than 40 pupil classes.

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Tot who fell three stories improving at Provident Hospital

Cyrus Stevenson

"Her condition is improving but she is still confined to bed," President Hospital officials said Thursday concerning the condition of Farsarita Dennis, 21-month-old daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Thomas Dennis, 1100 block Edmondson Ave.

The tot tumbled from a third floor porch while her mother, Mrs. Mamie Dennis was in the kitchen, to the pavement below July 15. She was rushed by ambulance to Franklin Square Hospital and was later transferred to Provident.

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Mildred reads 'riot act' to Autherine Lucy's critics

By ALICE CHILDRESS

Marge, I am sick to my soul and stomach ... Well, this morning I report on the job, and Mr. and Mrs. B. are finishing their breakfast, Mr. B. is finishing on the last piece of buttered, jellied toast when he looks up from his paper and says to me:

"Isn't it too bad about this girl tryin' to get into Alabama University?"

And then Mrs. B. swashed down her bacon with a gulp of coffee and says, "Tch, tch, tch, I know you people are angry about this. What is going to be done?"

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MY HAND started jumpin' and I was twitchin' my pocketbook, tryin' my best not to pop her in the mouth with that heavy plastic bag. All of a sudden, Marge, something hit me.

I could feel a hotness creepin' over me from my feet on up and when it hit my head, bells started ringin' and I hollered at her, "What the hamfat is the matter with you? Ain't you mad? Now you either be mad or shame, but don't you sit there with your mouth full 'tutt-tuttin' at me!

"Now if you mad, you'd of told me what you done and if you shame, you oughta be hangin' your head instead of smackin' your lips over them goodies!"

"Now wait a minute, Marge. Please let me explain."

MR. B. STOPS chewin' with the jam fairly skeetin' out of his mouth and says, "Don't upset Mrs. B. We were only tryin' to be sympathetic."

Marge! I whammed my pocketbook down on the table, put my hands on my side and started pattin' my foot, and I yelled at him:

"Don't you worry about Mrs. B. bein' upset 'cause if she gets too wrought up she can scream and the law, the klan and them men that ganged up on that young lady to keep her out of school, that's right, every one of 'em will come runnin' in here and move me off the premiss! Once by Jesus!"

At this point, Marge, he was again "and sputterin' while she was puffin' and blowin' and I wheeled on him and said, "You trying to tell me about you being sympathetic ... how do I know you wasn't in sympathy with them growing men that was throwin' eggs and stones at a defenseless colored woman?

"In the first place, you are white and you haven't opened your mouth to do a thing but put toast in it, and first thing I walk in you come askin' me what am I gonna do."

THEN GUESS what, Marge! Mrs. B. jumps up wavin' her newspaper at me, talkin' about "Go home, go home immediately, you're in no condition to work here today!"

Honey, never fear! I reached over and snatched that paper out of her hand and says: "Don't you be wavin' and fannin' nothin' in my face! My mama don't do that!"

Then Mr. B. jumps up and hollers "Are you out of your mind, snatching things like that!"

"Well, I told him, 'you can thank your lucky stars that paper is the only thing I'm snatchin' this morning!'"

He tried to cut me off, but I wouldn't let him:

"If you ain't got the grace to stand up and fight for your own decency and good name, don't you dare ask me what I'm gonna do, because as long as you ain't doin' I ain't gonna tell you, 'cause then you'd know as much as I do, and that might be too much!

Marge, I didn't want to cry because it do look so weak, but the tears were streamin' down and it seemed like their faces were floatin' in a sea of wet. I could hear their voices but no words, just a rush of murmurin' in my ears.

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YES, I WENT on, 'black folks want decent education and the right to work at decent jobs and also every kind of right there is! And we bein' mobbed and killed and shot at.

"That's right, they're shootin' at little children ridin' school buses! They're shoot-'in down their fathers for tryin' to get 'em into the schools, they won't sell us no food because we want our children educated, they turn-'in us off of jobs and tryin' to drive us out of our homes, they draggin' people out of their beds in the middle of the night and burning them with oil and fire.

"And you ask me what I'm gonna do?"

Marge, the next thing you know he says a real nasty-like, "When there's a colored crime wave, I don't throw it in your face ..."

Sit down, Marge, keep still.

GIRL, I OPENED up on him and said, "You better not 'Cause whenever a colored man does somethin' it's a wave, but your dogpone newspapers is full of 'nothin' but white folks murderin' and robbin' every day that the Lord sends ever since there's been a newspaper and you folks done got so numb inside 'til you think that's how it should be!"

Then I says, 'Why, I can't turn on the television without seeing you all killin' each other up just for the sake of entertainment. So you just keep on eatin' your breakfast same as ever, you just keep 'tut-tuttin'. The world's just goin' to pass you by."

He jumps up again and says, "Go home! . . . "

"I'm goin," I says, "but remember this:

"Everybody that don't like the idea of white folks warrin' on my people, everybody that feels they don't want to be included in the mob crowd, all those kind of folks speak up and let the world know!" Yes indeed, I told him.

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"ALL THOSE that keep quiet are with the mob whether they agree with 'em or not!"

And with that, Marge, I walked out and left them sittin' there big-eyed ...

Yes, dear, I'll take a cup of coffee—strong. Yes, your friend Mildred is upset!

MAY I HELP YOU—Mrs. Margaret Martin has lost count of how many times she has said those words since she and her husband, Jesse, opened their grocery store a year ago at E. Biddle St. and Rutland Ave. Mrs. Martin believes in keeping the store cleaned and shelves stocked with groceries.

'I've got a lot of cranberry sauce that's not moving,' says groceryman

By J. D. WILLIAMS

"I've got a lot of cranberry sauce that's not moving. I got it in for the holidays and I still got it. I guess nobody is using cranberry sauce."

There was a shade of humor in the voice of Jesse Martin on Tuesday afternoon as he pointed to the stacks of cranberry sauce sitting on one of the shelves of the grocery store that he and his wife, Mrs. Margaret Martin, operate at E. Biddle St. and Rutland Ave.

The object of pointing to the cranberry sauce was to illustrate the mistakes a novice is likely to make when he first enters the grocery store business.

Mr. Martin has been in business for approximately one year and in that time he has learned a number of things, one of which is:

"Next time I won't buy so much cranberry sauce."

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THE PURCHASE of too much was only a minor mistake, according to Mr. Martin who says his biggest mistake came when he started extending credit:

"I got stuck with unpaid bills I couldn't collect. But now I know better, I won't do that again."

The store itself, called "Jesse's Grocery," is neat and clean with well stocked shelves, a frozen food container, and a large display refrigerator for meats.

All day long a continuing stream of children wind in and out of the front door, buying soda and ice cream and often deliberating on how to spend a penny or two.

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IT'S NO SECRET that the big supermarkets have made it rather difficult for the corner grocery store to survive, but even this knowledge couldn't change Mr. Martin's determination to open up his own store.

"I was a huckster with a truck before I got this store. One day I decided to get me a place and open up a business. I was trying to better myself and I've got a son coming along and I wanted him to grow up in a business."

Mr. Martin's son, Jesse Jr., is seven years old, and according to his father he is willing to contribute some of his time to the operation of the business:

"But he still likes to play."

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A TYPICAL day for Mr. Martin begins about 6 a.m. and ends about 11 p.m. That doesn't leave much time for anything except going home and going to bed.

"My wife comes in and helps me during the day and I sometimes get a couple hours of sleep but most of the time I'm right here."

Mr. Martin's work week runs seven days with most of his business being done on the weekends.

"If we don't make it then, we just forget it," is his description of just how important the weekends are.

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A GRAYING 45, Mr. Martin did a lot of things before he entered the grocery field. Things like serving in the Army in the European Theatre, attending a GI school, plastering, paper hanging, painting, and upholstering.

The Martins don't have much time for anything else but their business, but it doesn't matter too much.

"We're building something for our son," is the way he puts the reason why the long hours can be borne so cheerfully.

Democratic Viewpoint

By ROBERT WATTS

Many times our representatives in the various legislative bodies both local and national are doing things we never hear about. This causes many of us to lose interest in politics forwe feel that our representatives never do anything for us and only show up at election time. However, it should be made clear that many things are being done and have been done that many of us never know about.

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I RAN ACROSS just such a situation involving Samuel Friedel, member of Congress from the 7th Congressional District. This District includes Cherry Hill, so this little bit of information should be of particular interest to the voters in and around Cherry Hill.

At the request of the Baltimore Branch, National Alliance of Postal Employees and other local postal unions, Congressman Friedel introduced into Congress, H.R. 10419.

This bill had as its purpose, career status for indefinite postal employees. In the meantime the Senate passed and sent to the house S-2875 and the provisions of S2875 were included in H.R. 7619. When this happened Congressman Friedel threw his support behind H.R. 7619 because it was similar to his.

This climaxed a successful five-year fight to have indefinite employees with two years service eligible for career service.

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THIS INCLUDED many colored women who have been working 10 and 12 years in the Baltimore Post Office who could not get and were not eligible for career status.

Congressman Friedel worked hard for this bill and kept in constant touch with Tom Murray, chairman of the House Civil Service Committee, to get action on the bill.

John W. White, president of the local Postal Alliance deserves credit for his energetic work in behalf of this bill. We sought to keep up with the achievements of our congressmen and remember that when they come around for our vote, they often deserve it.

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BOTH THE Democrats and Republicans will have before them the issue of civil rights. This is an important item in the platforms of both parties and it should be brought forcibly to the attention of both parties that the colored voter of the country wants straightforward talk on this important issue.

Recently in Chicago, a large group of colored Democrats met, including Charles Law, the mortician of our city.

They made it clear that the colored Democratic leaders will insist that the party not retreat on the civil rights issue in fear of the southern vote.

This was a historic occasion and it is well that a member of our party in Baltimore was present.

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THE REPUBLICANS feel they don't need such a meeting but we will certainly remind them that the colored voter is not satisfied with Eisenhower and his record in this respect.

Both parties need to be reminded constantly that the colored vote will be decisive in this election and that unless both parties improve their record of achievement (words mean little) then many will be the votes lost to them.

8,400 gallons of paint used by traffic department in 1955

Some 8,400 gallons of paint were used for traffic signs and markings; 866 permanent crosswalks installed and 25,828 traffic signs installed during 1955.

This is what Henry A. Barnes, director of traffic, reported to Mayor D'Alesandro, in his annual summary of the Traffic Engineering Department.

Listed below are some of the accomplishments of the department:

The Engineering Department's Planning and Design Division worked on the following projects with the Bureau of Highways: the Mondawmin Shopping Center, entrance and exit design, and the Monroe St. extension to Reisterstown Rd.

LAYOUTS FOR parking meters were completed in the following areas: North Ave. and vicinity, 804 meters; Pennsylvania Ave. area, 370 meters; Cross St. Area, 141 meters; 400 block Lexington St. area, 54 meters.

The report points out that as a result of a five-year study of night accidents, the installation of mercury vapor illumination was authorized for the Hanover St. area. Similar illumination in other areas was considered.

The number of fatal accidents dropped from 96 in 1954 to 92 in 1955, with 102 people killed in 1954 and 97 killed in 1955.

The Transit Division performed the following functions from January 1, 1955 to January 1, 1956:

1. Surveyed and approved 90 general bus, streetcar or trackless trolley stop locations, and approved the relocation and elimination of 107 general bus, streetcar or trackless trolley stop locations.

2. Established 401 new bus stops as a result of surveying and analyzing the proposed bus stops of the No. 32 and No. 39 lines.

3. Issued 85 no-parking orders to provide for the installation of transit vehicles.

4. Studied streetcar lines No. 19, 26, 32 and trackless trolley line No. 10 to determine the need for their conversion to bus operation; also to determine the location and relocation of stops necessary to bus operation.

IN COOPERATION with the City Solicitor's Office, regulations dealing with snow routes, through-truck routes, prohibition of horsedrawn vehicles, speed regulations and definition of traffic signs were drawn up.

Truck regulations were as follows: Those over 3/4 ton capacity were prohibited from Lafayette Ave., between Madison Ave. and Mt. Royal Ave.; Eutaw Pl. between Cloverdale Rd. and Dolphin St.

Trucks over three tons capacity were prohibited from Lombard St., between Fremont Ave. and Fulton Ave.

TRAFFIC SIGNALS were installed at the following intersections during 1955:

Aisquith and Monument, Barclay and North, Bond and North, Broadway and North, Carrey and Fayette, Carey and Mulberry, Carrollton and Mulberry, Ensor and Madison.

Also, Franklin and Monroe, Franklin and Pulaski, Franklin and Schroeder, Lafayette and Monroe, Linden and North and, Mulberry and Paspon, Mulberry and Pulaski St., Mulberry and Schroeder and North and Ellamont.

Electric meters were removed from private property and installed at signal controls at Eutaw and Madison.

Safety pylons were removed from the following locations: Howard and Biddle, North and Linden, North and Madison, North and Pennsylvania, Reisterstown and Fulton, Reisterstown and Gwynns Falls Pkwy.

Safety pylons were repaired or replaced at: Aisquith and Monument, Eutaw and Monument, Fayette and Gay, Lombard and Gay, Monroe and Aisquith, Mulberry and Paca, Washington Blvd., Monument and Aisquith, Mulberry and Paca, Pratt and Light.

TRAFFIC SIGNALS were removed from the following locations: of North and Hilton and at Carrollton and Mulberry. A time clock was installed at Ellamont and North Ave.

In addition, maintenance crews dealt with traffic signals at Monroe and Lafayette and on the Monroe St. Bridge.

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THE TRAFFIC Engineering Department has two emergency ladder trucks that can be sent out to defective traffic signals.

Also, there is a panel truck with a mobile electric generator that can be used to supply electric current to signals that have lost their power feed due to storms or other reasons.

Trucks and cars are dispatched by a mobile two-way radio relay system maintained in the radio communications center.

Traffic counters are being used so that traffic patterns may be accurately charted. A radar speed meter will soon be placed in operation so that speed information may also be charted.

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THE FOLLOWING has been done by the School Safety and Education Division:

School signs ordered, 229; school crossing signs ordered, 42; school bus stops ordered, 11; passenger loading zones ordered, 5; ordinances prepared to prohibit parking during school hours on streets near schools, 27;

Work orders for covering tile crosswalks, 1,004; work orders for covering paint crosswalks, 492; school signals ordered, 14; signals reconstructed in school areas, 6; playground signs ordered, 32; pedestrian crossing signs ordered, 4;

Damaged school signs replaced, 22; school signs removed 20; speed signs installed, 22; stop signs installed, 39.

$50 A WEEK for news tips and photos. Be on the alert—call in your tips to the AFRO City Desk. Phones: MU. 5-4015, 6016, 1812 or 1813. Say "I've got a News Tip." If no answer, call LA. 3-2811 or RI. 4-0508.

Pot of gold at end of rainbow for news tipster

News tipsters kept the telephone wire hummin' Tuesday—and with good results. The "tipton tipster" was the man who called in the wee hours of Tuesday morning to tell how a man nicknamed "Monsoon" was slain, he receives a check for $5.

Five other tipsters ran a "dead heat" for a very close second place and each will receive $2.50. They called in the following stories:

A holdup at School 141; a new job opportunity; an accident in which two persons died; the arrest of "Herk" (Richard Hunt) in Los Angeles; and the accidental death of a four-month-old baby.

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CHECKS FOR $1 will go to the persons who called in the following stories: A four-year-old child hit by an auto at Lafayette and Calhoun; a boy hit by a car on Carey St.; a grocery store holdup; a man who fell from a ladder in Mulberry St.;

Other $1 stories were a baby hit by a car on Baltimore St.; a woman hurt in an altercation; a man who fell from a bridge and a woman who was shocked while washing dishes.

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Shield Club opens to boys

The Western Branch of the Red Shield Boys' Clubs of Baltimore opened its game room for activities on last Monday, at 215 N. Calhoun St.

This is the third Red Shield Club to begin operations in the city.

The other two are located at South Clinton St. and in Middle River. All Red Shield Clubs and Camp Puh'tok are operated by the Salvation Army.

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DURING THE first week, the membership in the Western Branch went up to 118 boys. Membership is open to all boys between the ages of 7 and 15 inclusive.

Limited membership are open to boys 16 and 17 years of age. The new membership year will begin on Sept. 10 at which time the Club will be open from 2:30 to 9:30 p.m. during the school week and from 12:30 to 4:30 on Saturdays.

Three boys from the Club will go to Camp Puh'tok, the Club camp, on August 5th and will remain there for two weeks.

One of the special features at the camp this year is the new $40,000 all steel swimming pool which was dedicated the latter part of June.

City's traffic system to be centrally controlled

Plans for a centrally controlled traffic signal system have been made by the signal Engineering Bureau.

This was pointed out in the annual report of Traffic Director Henry A. Barnes, to Mayor D'Alesandro.

Plans for the new setup, began in 1955. When completed, this system will control all traffic signal timing from 365 intersections. The flow of traffic will be determined through traffic detectors strategically located.

A master controller will give a long green light to the streets having the heaviest flow of traffic. When the inbound and outbound traffic are even, the green light will be timed accordingly.

Busy downtown intersections with many pedestrians will have an exclusive pedestrian interval during which time all vehicle traffic will be stopped, allowing pedestrians to cross diagonally. (This is already being done in some areas.)

Coming Events

AUGUST 3

The Park Concert Band plays tonight at School 161, Saratoga and Schroeder St., at 8 p.m.

AUGUST 5

The annual train excursion to Atlantic City under the auspices of the Benefit Clubs Association. Train leaves Pennsylvania Station at 7:30 a.m.

Eighth Organization Day for Crescent Lodge No. 2, (Catonsville) and there will be a parade starting at 2:30 p.m., from Reisterstown Ave. and Old Frederick Rd.

Annual Combined Concert in honor of Alfred Hill Park. Time is 8:30 p.m.

Queen's Rally at Pentecost Baptist Church, 912 Madison Ave., 8 p.m.

AUGUST 6

Colts intro - squad game at Memorial Stadium.

AUGUST 5, 6, 7 -

100th anniversary of Galilean Fishermen.

AUGUST 10

Free polio shots at Druid Health District, 2201 Druid Hill Ave., at 1 p.m. and at Western Health District 515 W. Fayette St., at 12:30 p.m.

AUGUST 10

Clean Block flag raising at Lafayette Courts at 10 p.m.

Free Polio shots at Eastern Health District, 620 N. Caroline St., at 8 p.m.

AUGUST 12

The Seven Turners sing at Bazil AME Church in Cockysville.

AUGUST 15-16

Clean Block Jamboree at Regent Theater at 10 a.m.

AUGUST 17

AUGUST 18

Clean Block Jamboree at Biddle Theatre.

Baltimore Fellowship holds annual lawn party this year at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Marvin Ballard, 8648 Oakleigh Rd., from 4 to 7 p.m.

AUGUST 22

The Ward Singers of Philadelphia will celebrate their 23rd anniversary at Gillis Memorial Church, Calhoun and Mulberry Sts. The Lucy Smith Singers of Chicago will be special guests.

AUGUST 26

Closing of the AFRO Clean Block Campaign. Place is Knox Presbyterian Church, Gay and Bond Sts., at 10:30 a.m.

AUGUST 30-31

Registration of pupils for Baltimore City Schools.

SEPTEMBER 3

New membership year opens at Western Branch of the Red Shield Boys Club of Baltimore.

Municipal band concerts set

The Number 2 Park Concert Band, conducted by Charles E. Gwynn, will present a concert this evening (Friday, Aug. 3) at 8 p.m., at School 161, Saratoga and Schroeder Sts.

Featured in the program will be the trombone section playing Shoutin' Liza Trombone.

The assistant conductor, Charles E. Bagley, will conduct the Concert Band in the Valse Des Fleurs, and as an added attraction the conductor will be featured in an euphonium horn solo.

The big event of the season by the Number 2 Park and Municipal Concert Bands will be the Annual Combined Concert, to be presented by the Bureau of Music in Druid Hill Park, Grove A, on Sunday, August 5, at 8:30 p.m.

The concert is free to the public.

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SOLOIST FOR THE concert will be baritone, Marshall Watters.

The first half of the combined concert band will be conducted by Mr. Gwynn, the second half will be under the direction of Harrison M. Dodd.

The Baltimore City Chorus, directed by Mr. Dodd, will be featured in a number of well-known choral selections, and community singing will be led by Weldon Irdine.

'Is ragweed here to stay? victims want to know

With running eyes and red noses, the ragweed victims plead for an answer to their annual problem. Are they doomed to suffer every summer the misery of their allergy, to this giant Public Enemy?

There's no easy answer to the question.

Ragweed is being attacked on three fronts; eradication of the plant, immunizing shots for sufferer, research on the basic causes of hypersensitivity.

Frankly, there's not much immediate hope for eradication of ragweed. Botanically, it's a splendid plant, beautifully adapted for survival.

Communities have spent small fortunes eradicating ragweed plants only to have the next season's pollen count as high as ever.

Ragweed is found almost everywhere in cities, towns, and country. The light grains of pollen are blown great distances over land and water.

MODERN herbicides kill the weeds effectively, but the seeds can live in the soil for 40 years. Nationwide eradication efforts would have to be repeated every year for 40 years.

At the end of such a staggeringly expensive program the ragweed might be gone, but so might food plants and trees.

New developments in chemicals which kill weed seeds in the soil hold out some hope for the future, but what is the ragweed sufferer to do in the meantime?

There are a few places in the United States where there is little or no ragweed, because the soil or climate discourages it, and because natural barriers, such as high mountain ranges, keep out air-borne pollen.

But suppose the victim can't or doesn't want to pull up stakes? It will help somewhat if he can get the ragweed in his own backyard.

SOME VICTIMS are helped by shots which desensitize or immunize against pollen. There are also other shots and pills which give relief. These, however, should be taken only with the advice of a doctor.

Much more needs to be known about the causes and cures of allergies that afflict more than 17,000,000 Americans. Research is needed for better methods of prevention and treatment.

Meantime, the sufferer should follow his doctor's advice for relief and endure the gringingly expensive program the ragweed might be gone, but

Writer on 'Old Baltimore' recalls events, people

Letters from those who remember Baltimore as it was in the "good old days" are still trickling in. Today, we print the memories of Samuel H. Wilson Sr., who lives at 232 N. Monroe St.

He writes:

"Along with my thoughts on old Baltimore are the following sights. Are they familiar to anyone else?

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"EARL JOHNSON leading the group of runners down the home stretch in the AFRO-AMERICAN's five-mile street race.

"Fred Dabney leading the famous Douglass Band through the streets of the city.

"Marshall's grocery at Dolphin and Division Sts. Families bought flour in 100-pound barrels then because there was a great deal of baking done in the home.

"Roy Marshall delivered one of the last orders of milk by the barrel to the Britain family of 1116 Division St. Many years ago and right now that same barrel is still in the family.

"It is now painted a brilliant red and filled with logs. It sits by the fire-place at the Shore home of Mr and Mrs. Joseph Taylor of Columbia Beach.

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"REMEMBER old Doc Jim of Fowlers Drug Store giving away free of charge anything on anything and everything to everybody. Also, Dr. Fowler and Mr. Watty looking over the sights and discussing the latest news.

"Do you remember seeing Charlie Carroll getting his pipes in shape for the early Sunday morning delivery:

"And Daley's open air movies in the 100 block Pennsylvania Ave, It was, I believe, one of the first of its kind.

"Do you recall seeing one of the big softball games on Division St. let — it then ran straight through to Pennsylvania Ave.

"How about those rich chocolate sundaes in the tall glasses served at the store next to the two elderly ladies at Pennsylvania Ave and Lanvale St. Henry Man (now deceased) worked there before going in Post Office work.

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"MRS. McCORMICK'S Dry Goods Store on Druid Hill Ave. was always crowded with neighborhood children — remember?

"How about the big time P.A.L. basketball game played in Old Commonwealth Hall over the store at Dolphin St. and Pennsylvania.

"Two other things I remember familiar to old Baltimoreans are C. O Kenny giving away china and silverware with a pound of coffee and the man selling cinders through the streets.

"WHAT ARE SOME of the sights you remember?" Mr. Wilson asks AFRO readers in conclusion.

When you think of the days gone by, what comes to your mind with the most clarity? Jot these memories down and send them in to the AFRO.

"Wake up, Old Baltimore!"

Your Social Security

(Ed. Note - This is another in a series of articles on Social Security.)

Household and domestic workers who were unable to build up their rights to social security benefits before 1955 should learn about the changes made by the 1954 amendments to the Social Security law.

Beginning Jan. 1, 1955 any household or domestic worker who earns $50 in cash wages or more during any calendar quarter of the year should make sure that his employer has his name and account number just as it is shown on his social security card.

The employer must have this information in order to properly report your wages and pay the tax to the Internal Revenue Service.

If your employer is uncertain about how, when and where this tax should be paid, he should get a copy of OASI Booklet No. 21, which tells what to do.

Should you or your employer desire more information about who is included, amount of tax to be paid, or when and where the tax is to be paid, you should get in touch with your nearest social security office.

MISS LONGVIEW BEACH—Miss Delores A. Butler Thompskinsville, Md., is congratulated upon being named Miss Longview Beach by Richard Ware of Highland Beach. During ceremonies at the Longview resort, Miss Barbara Brown, Miss Longview of 1955, adjusts the crown upon the new queen's head.