PROUD CLEAN BLOCKERS—AFRO Clean Blockers of the 2400 block Stockton St., are proud of the fact their block made the first Honor Roll of the 1957 campaign. Captain Irene Hill, on steps, addresses her workers who include Earl Hill, Patricia Haywood, Lethia DeShield, James Robinson, Yvonne Robinson, Dorothy Edwards, Barrette Gray, Eric DeShield, Nathaniel Hill and Janice Gibson. Mrs. Alice Taylor, the block's advisor, stands in the rear.

Clean Block Honor Roll Climbs To 37; 12 Added

Buck for a Blocker plea made

With contributions to the Clean Block Prize Fund slowed to a snail's pace and registrations of Clean Blockers at an all-time high, urgent appeals are being sent out to interested citizens to lend a financial hand.

Puzzled by the fact that so few $1 contributions are made to the Prize Fund, Clean Block Director M. Francis Mackay this week inaugurated an all out drive to get response from donors on this level.

The drive has been tagged "A Buck For a Blocker" and two one dollar contributions were received almost as soon as the effort was announced.

MRS. THELMA ADDISON, who teaches at School 123, handed her buck to Mrs. Mackay on Sunday, while a dollar came Monday from Miss Inez Anderson, a Douglass graduate, who is now a junior at Maryland State College.

The hope is that at least 2,000 civic - minded Baltimoreans will flood the Clean Block office with their dollars, so that hard-working Clean Blockers can be suitably rewarded at the end of the campaign.

A continued boost for the Prize Fund has been made by Mary Dee, WSID's radio lady, who daily uses her Gospel Train program to voice a plea for financial assistance.

IN ADDITION to the $1 contributions, a check for $10 was received from Jo-Vond. Mrs. Bruce Alleyne, $5 checks were also in the office from the NACCP ladies, Mrs. Lillie Jackson and her daughter, Mrs. Juanita Mitchell.

A contribution of $5 arrived from Sess's Restaurant, William Sessoms, proprietor; from School 116, S. Reginald Watts, principal; the F. W. Haxel Co., and the Les Petite Femmes Club, Mrs. Mary Alexander, president.

THE COMPLETE list of the more recent contributors and the amounts they gave follows:

$15.00

Dr. R. L. Jackson

$10.00

Dr. and Mrs. Bruce H. Alleyne

$5.00

The Les Petite Femmes Club, Mrs. Mary Alexander, president

F. W. Haxel Co.

Mrs. Juanita Mitchell

Mrs. Lille M. Jackson

Sess's Restaurant, William Sessoms, prop.

School 116, S. Reginald Watts, principal

The Modern Ladies Civic Club of Fairfield Homes, Mrs. Myrtle Jones, president

$1.00

Mrs. Thelma Addison

Miss Inez Anderson

Lat City 2 col Charlene McCormick 22.3 — Butler

PRETTY FLOWERS in boxes like this and in green and white tires which decorate the sidewalks distinguish the 2100 block Homewood Ave. in East Baltimore where nine-year-old Charlene McCormick is the captain. There are 30 houses in the block. Charlene, at right, is shown with her sister, Doris, 15, who is one of the workers in the block.

Must keep up work to stay listed

Twelve additional blocks were added to the Honor Roll Thursday bringing to thirty-seven the number of blocks cited thus far for their improved appearance.

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Captains who have failed to comply with the rules, are not eligible for listing on the Honor Roll.

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DURING HER tours, she said several blocks on which most of the work has been completed making them eligible for the Honor Roll, could not be listed because their representatives had failed to attend the Friday morning meeting or had not submitted their Victory Reports.

Others have not sent in their list of workers. Many others are failing to pick up piles of trash.

These piles must be picked up or otherwise the block will not be rated as clean.

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1000 Dallas St., Captain Kerliene Harvey.

Unit block Regester St., Captain Roy Rainey.

200 Bethel Ct. Captain Bernice Hammil.

400 Tubman Ct., Captain William Outlaw.

1600 Lorman Ct., Captain Vernon Stevens.

2200 Baker St., Captain Annette Booker.

1000 Bennett Pl., Captain Thelma Henderson.

2100 Ridgehill Ave., Captain Sheila Parrish.

3400 Chessell Ct., Captain Jacqueline Middleton.

2100 Walbrook Ave., Captain Cynthia Lindsey.

1100 Woodyear St., Captain Beatrice Golder.

1900 W. Mosher St., Captain Phyllis Hayes.

2400 Woodbrook Ave., Captain Clarice Montgomery.

3500 Woodbrook Ave., Captain Cynthia Owings.

900 Mount St., Captain Joseph Brown.

2400 Stockton St., Captain Irene Hill.

1400 Argyle Ave., Captain Barbara Drew.

2100 Homewood Ave., Captain Charlene McCormick.

600 Bartlette Ave., Captain Ernestine Fisher.

1200 Bradford Ave., Captain Moses Taylor.

1100 Barclay St., Captain Earl Powell.

500 E. 23rd St., Captain Patricia Richmond.

2100 Division St., Captain Drucella Washington.

1100 Warner St., Captain Joseph Pender.

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APPLICATION BLANK AFRO'S CLEAN BLOCK CAMPAIGN

I would like to be captain of my block. Here are the names of ten persons in my block to help keep it clean and beautify it with flowers and paint.

Name ..... Age .....

Address ..... Tel. No. .....

School ..... Grade .....

Hobby .....

Advisor's Name .....

Address ..... Tel. No. .....

Only 5 days left to get registered

With only five days left before the closing deadline, late registrations for the 23rd annual AFRO Clean Block Campaign continued to pour into the office this week.

No more blocks can qualify for this year's drive after Wednesday, July 31, it was announced.

Many Clean Blockers have been working hard getting their areas in shape for the competition, but have failed to become officially registered, it was learned.

Only officially registered blocks will be eligible for U.S. SAVINGS BONDS, C A S H PRIZES, trophies and other gifts being offered for the best blocks, the most improved blocks and outstanding Clean Blockers.

CAPTAINS IN a large number of blocks submitted applications for the campaign but because they have failed to send in a list containing the names of their co-captains, workers and adult advisors, are not yet counted as being registered.

Other captains have failed to send in Victory Reports showing the progress of their blocks.

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CAPTAINS AND WORKERS of new blocks enrolled during the week follow:

Captain Earl Powell
1100 Barclay St.

Johnnie Mae Griffin, co-captain; Elona Dean, Viola Torrance, Kathy Torrance, Tyrone Haines, Edward Harris, James Summers, Zeldra Haines, Constance Howard, Martha Lewis;

Also Brenda Johnson, Carrie Ann Conway, Pearl Torrance, Lawrence Dean, Charles Schultze, Sryona Haines, Ernest Conway, Dale Simpson Gene Smith, Sarah Smith, Maurine Saunders, July Smith, Vincent Griffin;

Also Willie Neal, Mable Smith, Annie Smith, Ronald Griffith, Mrs. Lillie May Jackson, Mrs. Ethel Turner, Mrs. Annie Bell Smith, Mrs. Elizabeth Griffin, Mrs. Kathy Frisby, Freddie Barnes, Vincent Barnes and Elliott Barnes.

Captain Erskin Nobles
2590 Round Road

Mrs. Mable Jones, advisor; Emma Nobles, and Alvin Jones, co-captains, Miss Anna Wooldridge, Mrs. Dollie Nobles Joe Nobles, Mrs. Mildred Wheatley, Claude Jones;

Also Mrs. Cornelius Johnson, Mrs. Christine Scott, Frank Howard, Hettie Thomas, Henry Thomas, Florence Thomas, Mrs. Cora Parrott, Melvin Chesley, Kenneth Jones, Billy Nelson;

Also Constance Nelson, Constance Wheatley, James Fenner, Richard Spears, Ella Shellington, Angelus Johnson, Samuel Johnson, Deborah Nobles, Carolyn Harvety, Joe Nobles Jr.;

Also Clifton Harvey, Shirely Ashe, Roger Clark, Shirley Clark, Joyce Fengel, Billy Spears, Geraldine Carter, Albert Harris Jr., Henry Thomas Jr., Toney Monroe;

Also Leroy Faulcon, Claude Jones Jr., Joseph Nelson, Catherine Johnson, Elaine Howard, Barbara Jean Harris, and Oveda Howard.

Captain Gwynevere Gresham
1200 Young Ct.

Mrs. Marie Stafford, advisor; Barbara Boulgare, co-captain; Mayetta Kennedy, Naomi Pitts, Gertrude Gresham, Williams Wise, Bernard Wise, Anthony Leak;

Also Robert Leak, Andrew Leak, Louise Bonimarer, Eleanor Wise, Gloria Wise, Evangeline Taylor, Alvine Taylor, David Taylor, Michael Johnson, Bernice Patterson;

Also Isabelle Player, Charlene Berry, Jeanette Boydner, Jimmy Pitts, Richard Pitts, Mrs. Frances Wilson, Mrs. Grace Leak, Mrs. Mazalla Kennedy;

Also Mrs. Evelyn Gresham, Mrs. Nannie Boydner, Mrs. Bernice Boulmarc, Louis Taylor, William Wise, Crusoe Franklin, Andrew Leak and Potisia Pitts.

Captain Harold Trusty
200 Durham St.

Mrs. Emma Edmonds, advisor, Mrs. Bernice Boyd, Mrs Sylvia Hall, Mrs. Bessie Whitley, Mrs. Estella Hayes, Patsy Monroe, Mrs. Beatrice Whitaker, Mrs. Martha Green, and Mrs. Alice Scott.

Captain Tyrone Bowlow
400 Orchard St.

Mrs. Ida Williams, Mrs. Margaret Barnes, Robert Young, Sarah Hobbs, George Keith, Rochelle Cooper, and Mrs. Beanice Allen.

Captain Bernice Hammil
200 Bethel Ct.

Diane Downing, Allison Downing, Patricia Fields, Eliah Fields, Gleen Fields, Jessie Sanders, Miss Phyllis Springs, advisor, Otis L. Johnson, Carroll P. Johnson, James J. Wilkins;

Also James Wilkins, Alphonzo Grice, Dianna Jones, Gloria Barnes, Sharon Barnes, Preston Serres Jackie Serres, Patricia Braxton, Mrs. Annie Simpson, and Mrs. Pauline Frisby.

Captain Elwood Carroll Jr.
2000 Ridgehill Ave.

Mrs. Estella Carroll, advisor; Evelyn Woodhouse, Marita Jones, Grivitte Carroll, Johnnie Lee Hilton, Ronald Carroll, William Clark, Clevland Woodhouse, Mrs. Isabelle Blackley and Hartley House.

Captain Evelina Pettaway
1200 Waldo Ct.

Vivian Greene, co-captain; Mrs. Gloria Hairston, advisor; Christine Pettaway, Jennifer Hairston, Larry Dodson, Ella Jones, Gordon Jones, Ralph Taylor, Lester Pettaway, Edward Marine, Darlene Douglass, and Frederick Marine.

Klan kross kauses koncern

Curiosity and grave concern rose Monday morning when a cross and three "K's" were noticed painted in the back of a Northeast tourist home.

The emblem — presumably that of the Ku Klux Klan — was painted in the rear of Tourist Inn at 336 Second St., N.E.

Manager of the inn, C. H. Cline, said he had no knowledge of the sign will informed of it by a newsman.

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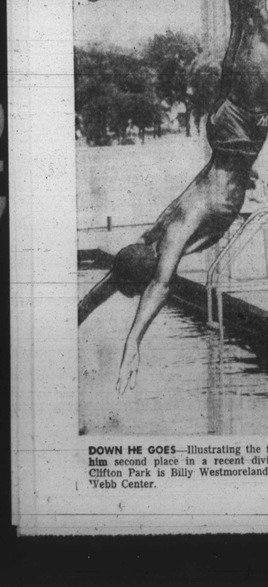
MR. CLINE offered the opinion that two roomers, living in a third floor apartment, may have been responsible for the painting of the emblem.

Owner of the inn, William Hurt, was out of town and unavailable for comment. Mr. Cline said he would have the sign removed.

Persons walking east in the one hundred block of D St. NE could see the cross. However, visibility was better from windows on the eastern side of the Immigration and Naturalization Building (Department of Justice), 119 D St. NE.



DOWN HE GOES—Illustrating the form that won him second place in a recent diving contest at Clifton Park is Billy Westmoreland of the Chick 'Webb Center.

Treat for kids at auto races

Some 60 auto jockeys will try for cheekered flags in Saturday night's two-in-one speedway show at Westport Stadium.

Both Sportsman-Modified and Hobby Division racing will be on tap, with a 25-lap main on round eliminating competition in each class.

Fifty-eight drivers checked into the pits last weekend as auto track interest reached a new seasonal high here.

AS AN added attraction, promoter Ed Otto, in his seventh season as speedway promoter at Westport, has outlined a treat for the kids.

At least 50 youngsters between the ages of 8 and 12, who accompany their parents to the Westport track, will be offered rides in the speedway cars by drivers who race there every Saturday night.

Proclamation goes to Greenmount

Mrs. Josephine Johnson, director of Greenmount Center, 2304 Greenmount Ave., received a proclamation in the mayor's office on Thursday morning in honor of Joseph Lee, founder of the playground movement in America.

The proclamation will be placed on the wall at the center.

Each year centers in Baltimore are presented the proclamation by the mayor. It has been going on now for ten years.

Mrs. Johnson, who has been director for the past two years, lives at 2126 Pulaski St.

How to find new Clean Block Office in AFRO building

Many Clean Blockers have reported difficulty in finding the Clean Block Office.

It's very easy. The new air conditioned office is located on the third floor of the main AFRO building 628 N. Eutaw St., at the corner of Druid Hill Ave.

Enter the door at the corner and walk up to the third floor. The office will be found to the door on your left after you enter the city room.

Look for the green and white flag hanging on the Druid Hill Ave. side of the AFRO building.

Scrap books get fatter, fatter

Clean Block scrapbooks are getting fatter and fatter and the race to secure copies of the Afro twice each week becomes more intense.

It's all due to the exciting new Clean Block scrapbook contest being conducted in connection with this year's Clean Block campaign.

From all indications, the committee of judges, headed by Mrs. Juanita Hill of the 2400 block Madison Ave., is going to have a tough job selecting which Clean Blockers are to be awarded the $7.50 in prizes.

MRS. HILL, an advisor of her block, conceived the idea for the scrapbook contest and in addition is making available the money for the cash prizes.

The first prize winner will receive $5 while the second prize winner will get $2.50.

The completed scrapbooks must be turned in at the Clean Block office not later than Monday, August 19 to qualify for the

THE RULES OF the contest are as follows:

1. Any child active in his own block in the Clean Block campaign is eligible to participate.

2. To qualify a child must be in at least the 4th grade in school.

3. Regular scrapbooks must be used. Submission of note books and copy books will disqualify the entry.

4. Only pictures and news items clipped from the pages of the AFRO, other newspapers, magazines, school papers or year books in which the Clean Block Campaign is mentioned afld accredited to the AFRO may be used.

5. **ALL ITEMS** clipped from the periodicals must be dated at the top with the name of the month and year of issue, unless the date appears at the top of the clipping.

6. Clippings should not be pasted two close together.

7. Insofar as possible, keep clippings according to dates.

8. Keep scrap book neat and free of smudges and fingerprints.

9. Scrapbooks must be submitted to the AFRO Clean Block office for judging not later than Monday, August 19, 1957.

10. Books will be judged on their appearance, arrangement, amount of material collected and observance of these nine basic rules.

Fill out Victory Reports at once, Blockers told

The importance of submitting Victory Reports promptly was again stressed this morning at the weekly pep meeting in McCullah Homes auditorium.

Clean Block Director M. Francis Mackay, telling of her second inspection trip of blocks, asserted that she had seen more than 10 blocks which would now be on the Honor Roll if their captains had only sent in Victory Reports.

The reports should be mailed or brought to the AFRO Clean Block office, 628 N. Eutaw St., Baltimore 1.

KING-SIZED VICTORY Report blanks were included in each kit sent captains at the beginning of the campaign. The Clean Block staff would prefer for captains to use these big blanks since they permit larger and more legible writing.

If these blanks have been lost or misplaced, however, captains may use the following blank for their reports.

Adult advisors are being urged to help the smaller captains prepare their report, so that accurate records may be kept on this year's campaign.

VICTORY REPORT

CAPTAIN —
(Number)

1. — pair 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. — houses with flowers in painted pots.
8. — houses with flowers in painted boxes.
9. — alleys cleaned.
10. — cellars cleaned.
11. — families in block helping.
12. — houses in the block.
13. — number of persons in block.
14. — number of fences painted or whitewashed.

Garden clubs plan for home exhibition

Garden clubs in the Baltimore metropolitan area are as busy as beavers today working on plans for their displays for the 1957 Baltimore National Home Week Exposition.

Reason for their enthusiasm is the valuable "mystery" prize to be awarded to the club having the best exhibit at the big home show, which will be held at the Fifth Regiment Armery from September 24 through September 29.

LADIES AT WORK — To the left is Mrs. Carrie Martinza, 642 Cokesbury Ave. who is demonstrating her skill at preparing snowballs. The stand is operated by her mother, Mrs. Maggie Shepard, in the rear of her home at 524 E. 23rd St. Watching the proceedings is Mrs. Martinza's daughter. To the right is Miss Norma Brown, 18, 904 W. Lexington St. employed at the candy counter of the Apollo Theatre. Her customer is Betty Jean Mortis, 10, 1900 Kennedy St.

Wage hour law

Ed. Note—this is the second in a series of articles dealing with the Federal Wage Hour Law. The questions are among those most frequently asked of the Wage Hour Division of the U.S. Department of Labor. The answers are from that agency.)

Q.—Does the law apply only to workers paid an hourly rate?

A.—The law applies regardless to whether pay is by the hour, or on a salary, piece work or other basis. The worker must be paid at a rate of at least $1 an hour and time and one-half his regular rate for overtime, no matter what the basis of payment.

Q.—If an employee works nine hours in one day, is he entitled to overtime pay for the ninth hour, as such?

A.—No. Overtime begins after 40 hours of work in a workweek. There is no daily overtime requirement.

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Q.—IS THE overtime rate time and one half the $1 an hour minimum.

A.—No. Overtime must be computed at time and one half the employee's regular hour of pay. If he's paid at a rate of $2 an hour, his overtime should be $3 an hour.

Q.—Must employees of retail stores be paid $1 an hour and time and onehalf after 40 hours a week?

A.—Generally, no. The law provides an exemption for retail and service establishments, provided certain tests are met.

Q.—What are some typical retail establishments?

A.—These are some of the kinds of retail establishments that are usually exempt. Automobile dealers, barber shops, beauty parlors, clothing stores, department stores, dry goods stores, drug stores, farm implements dealer, filling stations, furniture stores, garages, grocery stores, hospitals, hotels movies and theaters. There are others, too.

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Q.—DOES THE law apply to waitresses and other restaurant workers?

A.—No. Restaurants generally are exempt as service establishments.

Q.—Does the retail establishment exemtpion apply to warehouse workers of retail chain store organizations?

A.—No. These workers are not within the exemption.

Q.—Are laundry workers subject to the law's pay provisions?

A.—The ordinary home laundry is exempt. But if a laundry does more than 25 per cent of its work for manufacturing, mining, transportation or communications businesses, it is not exempt.

Q.—Must farm workers be paid according to the minimum wage and overtime requirements?

A.—No. Farm workers are generally exempt from the pay provisions of the law. There are various workers in the agricultural processing industries.

Q.—WHAT IS meant by "white collar" exemptions?

A.—The law provides a minimum wage and overtime pay exemption for executive, administrative, and professional employees, outside salesmen, and local retailing employees, if they meet certain tests as to duties and responsibilities. In addition there are salary tests for exemption of executive administrative and professional employees.

Q.—Are secretaries, stenographers, bookkeepers and similiar office workers within the "white collar" exemption?

A.—No. The exemption does not apply to employees in such categories.

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IN HIS life away from the job Mr. Cottman is married to Mrs. Drumell Miner Cottman and has been for 19 years. They have two children, Alphonso 17, and Guy, 10.

The Cottmans belong to Mother Tribulay Episcopal Church. He is a member of the Alpha Kappa Alpha Fraternity and the National Alliance of Postal Employees.

When he returns to the Druid Hill Ave. station Mr. Cottman puts away his keys and his carrier bag, clocks out at 2:45 p.m. and heads home where he changes to practice baseball with his charges.

Tomorrow will be another day. More mail to deliver, more smiles, more frowns, more questions.

"It is no bed of roses," Mr. Cottman will tell you of his job—but he wouldn't change it—he likes his work.

Around, About Baltimore

In the snowball business is the movie is Mrs. Ruth Nelson. Mrs. Maggie Shepard, 60, who dispenses the hot weather treat from a stand located at the rear of her home at 524 E. 23rd St.

Mother of seven boys and two girls, which makes sight altogether, Mrs. Shepard is kept busy shaving ice and sprinkling on any one or a combination of the 20 flavors she stocks to please the discriminating tastes of her customers.

"Strawberry, peach, lemon and tutti frutti are my best sellers," says Mrs. Shepard.

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STANDING IN the rain, not walking, at Monroe and Mulberry Sts., waiting for a bus on Tuesday afternoon was Mrs. Rosa Turner 34 1906 W. Mulberry St.

On her way to her job at a local plant, Miss Turner recalled that she has been in Baltimore for 16 years and is a native of Salisbury, N.C.

Said she of marriage:

"When I find the 'right man.'"

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TO SHOW you that a youngster with imagination can always get by, take the case of the lad in the 1400 block Ashland Ave., who picked the time Tuesday when the rain was at its heaviest to don his bathing suit.

Came outside and proceeded to wave his arms about on the manner of someone swimming. He didn't get very far, but he had a wonderful time.

Rain could not halt the demand for popsicles, as Mrs. Mirley Rae Grey, 5, and her brother, Michael, 4 Raining though it was, both headed down Reisterstown Rd. eating their popsicles like mad.

Asked if she liked the frozen ice, Audrey said "yes." Michael didn't give an answer, he just took to his heels and headed for home in the 2300 block of Monroe St.

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SIGN IN a food market at Reisterstown Rd. and Park Ave. "Closed." The reason? "Gone on vacation."

Another sign in the window of a basement store at Druid Hill Ave. and Mosher St. "For rent." Only trouble is that the painter painted the sign upside down. The intended message will be gotten that the letters should been reversed to be read from the outside.

Now those who pass get the view of something that looks like script from Old China.

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CREDIT Brenda Roberts, 15, 1500 Register St., with being a school teacher. She teaches at the Vacation Bible School of Faith Baptist Church.

Meet a man who helps keep our city clean. He is Frank Meredith, 68, 1800 block Edmondson Ave., employed by the city for that purpose.

For 30 years Mr. Meredith has been with the city and he has seen many a street in that time. Of the future he has this to say:

"I am going to work as long as I am able."

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WHILE LILY DACHE may never have to worry about the competition, at least Robert Tutman, 10, 1008 Arlington Ave., has discovered a different type of chapeaux, hat that is.

He takes a paper bag, rolls up the opening, and he has a hat. It is good for such things as rainy days and it's also cheap.

Young Bob is a sixth grader at Elementary School No. 60. He wants to be a chemist.

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TALKING TO the staff at the Ave. near Oliver St. is almost as much fun as watching the attraction "The Ten Commandments" on the screen.

Take the assistant manager, Mrs. Marguerite Browne, 1023 Eden St., who has held her post since November. The year 1929 saw her graduate from Dunbar High School. She attends the Eastern Methodist Church.

Handing out the tickets at the movie is Mrs. Ruth Nelson, 1628 N. Bond St. She has been on the job for four years. Her mate is Vernelle Nelson of the U.S. Navy.

Miss Norma Brown, 18, 904 W. Lexington St., handles the refreshment stand and reports that her biggest seller is the old American favorite, the hot dog, or frankfurter if you prefer, with mustard of course.

"Gives you a chance to meet different people," Miss Brown says of her job, which she enjoys.

Of course, just as every job, the post that Miss Brown holds has its problems. It is very difficult to watch a move from a refreshment stand and as Miss Brown says "running back and forth from the stand does tire you out."

Her plans for the future includes a stop at Towson State Teachers College for the next four years. She wants to be a teacher. She also finished Douglass in June.

On the door at the theatre is David Platt, 66, 1720 Caroline St.

Never expected to find the East Manhattan Cleaners and Dyers in the 900 block Caroline St. Thought it might be in Manhattan.

A BTC driver is Leroy Moore, 732 21st St., whose formula for beating the heat is simple. "Get a fan. If that doesn't work then go to the movies."

A man with a backyard full of corn, tomatoes and other items is Nathan Goldman, who operates a grocery store at 1000 N. Arlington Ave. The yard was just sitting there, relates Mr. Goldman, until a man came along and asked the store owner if he wound grant permission for him to have a garden there.

"I told him yes," said Mr. Goldman and that explains why you find a bit of the country in the heart of the city.

An added fact is that Mr. Goldman doesn't know the farmer's name.

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A BADGE for courage should go to the lady in the 1100 block W. Mosher St., who tried to burn trash in her back yard on Tuesday despite the rain. She didn't have much luck, but she sure did try.

Under the heading of attractive baby sitters comes the name of Miss Elsie Blackstone, 507 Central Ave., who was watching her sister's six children this week.

In her spare time the young lady "reads and looks at TV." Not both at the same time.

Sitting on her porch enjoying the cool breezes this week was Mrs. Irene Meekins, 39, 2601 Hollins Ferry Rd., Mt. Winans. Mother of eight, Mrs. Meekins has lived in the community for the past 28 years. She is a member of Star of Bethlehem AME Church.

COMING EVENTS

JULY 26-28

North Baltimore District Conference of Methodist Church to meet at Union Methodist Church, Aberdeen, Md.

JULY 27

U.S. and Municipal Employees have 4th annual beach party at Sparrow's Point.

JULY 28

Baker's Dozen tea for Anna M. Hunter Ideal Home for the Blind, 2115 Glendale Rd., from 4 to 6 p.m.

JULY 29

Walters Art Gallery to show film on Artist Commentators with comments by Miss Patricia May. Show begins at 8:15 p.m.

AUGUST 2-4

West Baltimore District Conference of Methodist Church to meet at Centreville, Md.

Dr. Morris Cohen

Dr. Morris M. Cohen has been named clinical director of the Division of Venereal Diseases, Baltimore City Health Department, effective July 1.

In this capacity, it will be Dr. Cohen's duty to plan, supervise and conduct public health activities designed to protect and improve the public health of Baltimore in the field of venereal disease control.

Witnesses to convene at stadium

Officials directing arrangements for the district convention of Jehovah's Witnesses, to convene at Memorial Stadium for five days, August 21 to 25, have announced that indications are that the Baltimore assembly will be the largest of the ten being held in North America this summer.

Earl V. Singer, here since last week from directing their "convention in Houston, said that the 40,000 expected here will bring the total attendance at the entire series of ten to 200,000."

Singer is here in advance of the Witnesses' chief director of conventions, John O. Groh, expected to arrive this week end from their world headquarters in Brooklyn, New York. Groh has been busy taking care of assemblies in Miami, Denver, and Milwaukee.

Street Scenes

By BOB PERRY

Smith's Hotel on Druid Hill Ave. now being torn down to make way for a parking lot. The rear of the building has been ripped away on Tuesday exposing one of the rooms in which sat a lonely dressing table, one of the last remaining links to the time when the hotel was a bustling oil gathering.

Tom's Coffee Shop at the intersection of McCulloh and Monument Sts., known better among its clientele as "The Dog House," a tribute to its hot dogs no doubt.

Two Chinese lads stopping a bar at N. Marys St. and Druid Hill Ave., asking the way to Philadelphia, which they informed the gentleman being questioned was in Pennsylvania. Why natch.

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SIGN OUTSIDE a second floor window at 550 W. Lafayette Ave., telling all and sundry, "don't sit on our steps." Only trouble is a fellow has to look up to see the sign. Might work better at a lower angle.

Tavern with a suggestive name in the "Pastime Bar" in East Baltimore. And time passes on.

Sign in the window at 1815 Asquith St. about a trip to Atlantic City on July 28, and another sign in a window at 1900 Barclay St. about a trip to Coney Island on July 27. Doesn't anybody stay home?

Ivy growing on the side of 2021 Barclay St. making a beautiful scene.

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IT MAY be July but there was Charlene LaMount, 3, 2134 Barclay St., standing on her porch with an Easter basket in her hand from last week. Never did find out what she was going to do with the basket.

For sale now in the 2300 block Barclay St. is the former home of the Congregation Ahavath Israel. Wonder where they went?

Motorist doing a fast 60 across the Howard St. bridge with the tires singing on the bricks and then pulling to a fast stop at the light as his passenger leaned out the window with a green looking expression in his face.

He was, in the words of a popular song "all shook up."

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The life of a postman— 'no bed of roses . . .'

"Say Mr. Mailman, any mail for me today?"

After 20 years of walking the streets of Baltimore with a mail sack over his shoulder, Alphonso R. Cottman, 904 Wheeler Ave. has lost track of how many times he has been asked the same question.

It has been asked by anxious housewives waiting to hear from their husbands, young ladies hoping for a letter of apology from the boyfriend with whom they had quarreled, and those on the shady side of 60 expecting a letter from a far away son or daughter.

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FOR MR. COTTMAN is a postal carrier, one of 1,240 here in the city who see that the "mail goes through" whether it's a bill, a greeting card, a check or an advertisement that will end up unread in a trash can.

While the rest of the city is still only half awake Mr. Cottman's day has already begun.

On a typical morning he will report to the Druid Hill Ave. post office, Druid Hill and North Aves., at 6 a.m.

HIS FIRST job is to sort the mail for delivery from house to house. He then places approximately 50 pounds of the mail in his bag and bundles the rest of it so that it can be taken by truck to a pick up box on his route.

The mail is so arranged that by the time his bag is empty he has reached the relay point and can load again without returning to the office.

By the time he finishes the loading, the clock reads 8:40 a.m. and he heads out on his daily round.

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THE TEMPERATURE is already past 80 and from long experience Mr. Cottman knows that it will be a scorcher but he simply adjusts his bag and tries to forget the weather.

In the summer he wears a rayon shirt, without a tie, and rayon trousers. In other seasons he has his choice of serge, sharkskin or gabardine trousers, plus shirt and tie and a jacket.

During a year Mr. Cottman wears out three pairs "of special shoes, designed for walking.

"A LOVELY day" he tells his first customer, a businessman, "sorry no specials today, just a few bills."

There's a look of disappointment on the man's face as he accepts the mail but it's all a part of a postman's job, the frowns, the smiles.

WITH MR. COTTMAN as he walked on a recent Wednesday afternoon was an AFRO reporter who was hard pressed to keep up with the steady pace of the mailman.

It seemed to the reporter that Mr. Cottman knew almost everyone along his route, young and old, male and female.

"How's business. Fine I hope. How's the family. Our boys took one last night (the Orioles, of course). Good game. They better keep it up."

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UP-STAIRS, down stairs, in stores, out of stores, steps, steps and more steps, and Mr. Cottman kept up the same steady pace. He averages 12 miles a day.

"I'm a graduate of Morgan State College. A physical education major," he told the reporter, who made a mental note that being a physical education major probably did Mr. Cottman little harm in preparing for a job where walking is so important.

"When I left school I started to teach," he continued. "I heard there was a lot of money in the post office business so I joined the staff and got married.

"Now," he said with a smile, "I wouldn't think of leaving."

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AT 47 Mr. Cottman plans to spend another ten years with the post office and then retire, which will give him a record of 30 years of service.

"I make a fair living at it," Mr. Cottman said of his job and added:

"I'm going to send my oldest son to Howard in the fall."

To a housewife who was waiting at her door, Mr. Cottman said.

"Good morning, Mrs. Jones, sorry no mail for you today. Perhaps tomorrow."

Tomorrow—just a word but it keeps up the hope of Mrs. J.

MR. COTTMAN'S route covers the 1000, 1100 and 1200 blocks of W. North Ave.; 2000, 2100, 2200 and 2300 blocks of Madison Ave.; 1900 and 2000 blocks of McCulloh St.; 400 block Robert St.; 400 block Presstman St.; 300 and 400 blocks Bloom St., and 2000 block Druid Hill.

Looking back over the years Mr. Cottman has many vivid memories, but none more vivid than that of a fire which broke out on Eutaw Place last year and cost the lives of several persons.

"I was working in that area when I saw the fire and ran to see if I could help.

"I caught several of the children as they were thrown from the window.

"Then he thought for a moment and said.

"That's something I can't forget."

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LIKE A number of other mailmen, Mr. Cottman has had his troubles with man's best friend.

"I've never been bitten by a dog but I've been scared by them so many times I wish they had gone ahead and bitten me," he said.

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LUNCH TIME for the mailman came at 11:20 a.m. and per his usual custom he stopped at the Belleview Manchester Apartments in the 2100 block Madison Ave. where he ate a sandwich with an old friend, William F. Sims, who once worked as a special delivery carrier and is now employed at the apartments.

Their talk is of current events and old times until 11:35 when back Mr. Cottman goes to his appointed rounds.

With a faint sigh he says, "Now my work begins."

He has reference to the 2300 block Madison Ave. where he has to go up and down as many as 20 steps to deliver the mail.

"My feet don't hurt me," he told the reporter, "and peither does my back."

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