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THOMAS D'ALESANDRO, JR. Mayor

PROCLAMATION

BY

MAYOR THOMAS D'ALESANDRO, JR.

DESIGNATING THE PERIOD OF JUNE 28 THROUGH AUGUST 30, 1957

AS

"AFRO-AMERICAN CLEAN BLOCK CAMPAIGN"

WHEREAS, for the twenty-third consecutive year, the Afro-American newspapers, through the medium of a "CLEAN BLOCK CAMPAIGN" have afforded our community an opportunity to safeguard public health, lessen fire hazards, improve the appearance and safety of property, and stimulate citizen interest in the enhancement of the City's cleanliness, beauty and livability; and

WHEREAS, the cooperation of householders, property owners, civic organizations and neighborhood groups is essential to the effectiveness of this praiseworthy enterprise; and

WHEREAS, the Afro-American newspapers are rendering a valuable service to the City of Baltimore through the medium of an increased interest in the importance of sanitation, and the creation of a greater awareness of the necessity for citizens to cooperate in helping make Baltimore a cleaner, healthier and happier place in which to live; and, because of this civic-minded project, the Afro-American newspapers set an example for other communities to follow.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, THOMAS D'ALESANDRO, JR., MAYOR of the City of Baltimore do hereby proclaim the period of June 28 through August 30, 1957, as "AFRO-AMERICAN CLEAN BLOCK CAMPAIGN" and do urge all our citizens to give thought to the importance of sanitation in our daily lives and to wholeheartedly support this worthy cause.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and caused the Great Seal of the City of Baltimore to be affixed this twenty-sixth day of June in the year of our Lord one thousand nine hundred and fifty-seven.

Thomas D'Alesandro
MAYOR

**MAJOR D'ALESANDRO** issued the above proclamation hailing the period from June 28 through August 30 as AFRO Clean Block Campaign time. He urged the cooperation of all citizens in making the drive a success.

# Clean Block army keeps growing

Seven more captains completed their registration Wednesday with the arrival at the AFRO Clean Block office of complete lists of their co-captains, adult advisors and workers.

Many more captains have mailed in the application blank found elsewhere on this page, but made no mention of the names of other cildren and adults in the blocks who will help them.

These names cannot be published in the AFRO until they have been either brough or mailed to the AFRO Clean Block office, it was pointed out.

Several blocks are also working, but have not yet registered, it was learned. Captains of these blocks were urged not to delay registration, since they cannot be considered in competition for the Honor Flags or the cash prizes until they have enrolled at the AFRO office.

**THE SEVEN** new blocks and their captains are as follows:

**Captain James Todd**

**100 Block Mt. Olivet Lane.** Charles Keel, co-captain, George Grander, Sr., Mrs. Willie Mae Dowing, Mrs. Mary Griffner, Billy Griffner, Elaine Griffner, Frederick Griffner, Kathy Griffner, Gwendolyn Keel, Richard Lewis, George Macklin, Mrs. Joann Coats, Ronald Gudsigner.

Also Mrs. Alice Williams, Mrs. C. Jones, James E. Todd, Reginald Todd, Mrs. Florence Todd, Joyce Todd, Gladys Todd, Mrs. Florence Fisher, Mrs. Gladys Williams, Mrs. Eugenia H. Taylor and Thomas W. Harris.

**Captain Jerry Adams**

**1600 block Ellsworth St.** Rose Anna Paige, Ines Rush, Mary Taylor, Ada Peay, Elizabeth Lockett, Mrs. Dorothy Adams, advisory; Julia Jitt, Laura Bailey, Daisy Jones and Bertha James.

**Captain Barbara Campbell**

**2700 block Carver Road** Roland Campbell, Vernon Campbell, Eric Campbell, Mrs. Barbara Brown, Jo Ann Lee, Deborah Edmonds, Gwendolyn Lee, Richard Jenkins, and Gale Watts.

**Captain Geraldine Reynolds**

**1400 block W. Mosher St.** Brenda Faulcon, Linda Betrain, Lottie Gray, Elwood Gray, Virginia Moore, Gladys Furrell, Indiana Furrell, Joyce Demory.

**Captain Carolyn**

**1700 block N. Bethel St.** Kalina Drivers, Marie Hubbard, Deborah Nowlin, Carolyn Hurt, Valerie Nowlin, Raymond Hurt, Patricia Hurt, and Bernard Hood.

**Captain Cynthia Owings**

**3500 block Woodbrook Ave.** Clarice Montgomery, Roxanne Owings, Projele Green, Capel Gullick, Bonny Randolph, Carol Butts, and Juliette Owings.

**Captain Robert Cook**

**2400 block Chessell Ct.** David Heard, Ralph Heard, Curtis McMeekin, Walter Heard, Morgan Stephens, Leon Stevens, Bradford Diggs, Raymond Comegys, Charles Comegys, Katie Rush, Connie Minor;

Also Brenda Cook, Sandra McMeekin, Theresa Rush, Gwendolyn Richardson, Mrs. Florence Cook, Mrs. Audrey Speight and Mrs. Jean Minor, advisors.

Miss Frances Murphy, Clean Block campaign Director, issued a special message this week to Baltimoreans participating in this year's drive.

**"This fine group of people — captains, advisers and members — who aim to keep the city clean and beautiful are Baltimore's best citizens," Miss Murphy declared.**

The Clean Block founder in her message urged local youngsters throughout the city to form clubs to participate in the campaign.

**"ANY CHILD** can be a captain if he or she can ten people to sign up and bring them into the office, Miss Murphy pointed out.

Alluding to the aim of the Clean Block drive, Miss Murphy said, "If all the blocks are like clean," she added that children taking part in such a campaign are learning how to be good citizens.

"People who live together, and pray together stay together," Miss Murphy said.

MRS. L. H. HALLMAN
CAPITAL VISITOR — A Visitor from Columbia, S.C., Mrs. L. Hallman, recently was the guest of her sister, Mrs. Lillie Mae Jones of 210 First St., NW. She is a public school teacher and was en route to attend the Southeast National Young Adult Conference of the Phyllis Wheatley YWCA in New York City.

# Swing accident fatal to girl on playground

"She and a boy were swinging in the swing together. He was pumping, and I think she fell. That's the way they told it to me.

"She was such a good girl — the best a mother could have.

**"She was as sweet as she could be. She helped me with the rest of the children, she dressed them and helped keep the house clean.**

"I never had to worry about anything. She was such a sweet child."

Mrs. Elizabeth Rozzell of 1012 Peach St. was telling the AFRO about the death of her oldest child, 14-year old Levalia Elizabeth.

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**THE POPULAR** youngster who was a 9th grade pupil at Harvey Johnson Junior High School No. 106 was the victim of an accident on Monday at the new Hamburg St., playground.

**As she and a teen - aged boy were swinging, Levalia fell striking her head on the cement.**

She was taken to the South Baltimore General Hospital where she was pronounced dead at 11:25 a.m. Tuesday morning.

Her death was caused by a fractured skull. Five stitches were taken in her head according to police.

**THE DEAD** child was popular among the neighborhood children as well as her school mates. She was known as helpful, kind and well - behaved.

**Witnesses to the fatal accident told Southern District Police the girl let go and fell backwards after she pinched her hand between the metal links on the swing.**

The city playground which opened on Monday was closed at the time of the fatal accident.

The playground is under the supervision of Mrs. Hattie B. Smith.

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**LEVATA'S GRANDFATHER** Priestly Dukes is a well-known South Baltimorean.

**Levata's father, Hiswatha Rozzell, has been employed by the Western Maryland Railroad for nine years.**

She attended Sunday School both at Leadenhall Baptist Church and Ebenezer Methodist Church.

Besides her parents, the dead girl is survived by three brothers, Jerome, Ronald and Beverly Rozzell; and a sister, Viola.

**Funeral services for Levalia will be held at 2 p.m., Saturday at Ebenezer AME Church, Montgomery and Charles Sts., with the Rev. S. A. Thompson officiating.**

Burial will be in Mt. Calvary Cemetery.

# Striking New AFRO Clean Block Flags Are Given Out

## First pep rally at McCulloh

The handsome new red, green and white AFRO Clean Block flags were given their first public viewing Friday morning t the McCulloh Homes auditorium.

The occasion was the first of a series of weekly pep rallies planded for Clean Blockers during the 23rd campaign which began Monday.

The flag has read and white strips and in the center in a bright green and white square bearing the words, "AFRO Clean Block."

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**CLEAN BLOCK** Director M. Francis Mackay distributed the flags to each captain present and cautioned them to place it in front of his home in such a manner that it could not be easily removed.

The new captain's flag is much larger than those used in previous years and will serve to identify its displayer as a participant in the AFRO Clean Block campaign.

Larger three by five foot versions of the new flag will be used later in the drive as "Honor Flags," Mrs. Mackay explained.

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**THE HONOR** Flags are awarded each week throughout the drive to those blocks which show the greatest improvement.

The first of the weekly pep rallies was well attended. Many veteran Clean Blockers, who had registered early, were joined by many new ones participating for the first time.

The rallies are designed for Clean Blockers to exchange ideas and obtain solutions to problems that arise during the campaign.

A number of new captains were registered and many received large brown envelopes containing material needed to conduct the drive.

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**MAIN BUSINESS** of the Friday meeting, besides distribution of the new flags, was completion of organization of the drive.

Many captains, it was explained, had filled out the application blank properly, but had failed to submit the names of all the persons in their blocks pledged to help.

In other cases, captains had failed to give the full names of their workers, while in some the writing was not legible.

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**CLEAN BLOCK** Director Mackay also reminded the captains that the first tour of the blocks will be made next week.

"Although many of you will not have a completed list of your blocks ready this early in the campaign," she said, "I expect all captains to at least have their sidewalks and streets clean."

**WANTED: AFRO CLEAN BLOCKERS** — This littered alley off Biddle Street near Central Ave. tells a graphic, unsightly story of the need for AFRO Clean Blockers in the neighborhood. Curiously enough a Bureau of Sanitation inspector passed as the photo was being made and kept on going.

## Sanitation men given cash prizes

The Clean - City Committee of the Women's Civic League recently presented cash prizes to outstanding workers of the Bureau of Sanitation for performing the best clean - up job in the city.

Prizes were presented to the top hokey cart operator, collection crew and street cleaning crew. In addition, the best hokey operator was assigned a white hokey cart to use during the next year.

The best crews received plaques to attach to their trucks "attesting to the excellence of their services."

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**A CONTEST** to select outstanding employees of the Bureau of Sanitation was established by the Clean - City Committee of the Women's Civic League in 1949. First annual awards were presented at the 1950 Flower Mart.

Those who received awards at the ceremony at Memorial Stadium were:

Robert F. Stein, best hokey cart operator, who received $10 for his cleaning job in the Western Section of the city.

Truck number 560, manned by Theodore R. Cotton, chauffeur-foreman; William Wilson; Charles W. Harvey; Henry C. Johnson; awarded $20 for their top job of collecting garbage and rubbish in the Northwestern Section.

Truck number 520, operated by Harry Schissler, gang leader; George Miller; John Killman; Matthew Harris; Harry B. Rodgers and Samuel Neal (recently deceased) received $2.50 each as the best street cleaning crew. This crew operates in the Northeastern Section of the city.

Honorable mention was also given to other crews and operators in the Eastern, Northeastern, Western and Northwestern divisions (see attached list).

Mrs. James L. McLain, chairman of the committee, and Mrs. Russell C. Wonderlic, president of the Women's Civic League, presided at the meeting.

The speakers were William P. Yannon, sanitary engineer; Councilman Walter T. Dixon, from the Fourth District, and Joseph H. McCarthy, general superintendent of the Bureau of Sanitation.

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. .....

# Read this story of The 5 Fingers

**This is the enthralling little story Governor McCulloh told AFRO Clean Blockers Friday morning at the kickoff rally of th 23rd annual Campaign. It teaches a moral so important to the success of the drive this summer, we are passing it on to Clean Blockers who were unable to be present:**

**THE FIVE FINGERS**

The five fingers had an argument. The dispute was which one was the most important.

They couldn't agree.

So they said we'll let the Brain make the decision. We will present our case to the Brain.

"I'm the most important," he argued, "When you pick up something, how do you pick it up? Why you pick it up like this." he declared placing himself on one side of a sheet of paper.

"If you notice I'm on this side," said the Thumb, "you four fingers are all on the other side. I am as important as you four fingers put together."

Then the Thumb rested his case.

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**THE NEXT** finger spoke up. "I'm the index finger," he said, "I'm the one that does the pointing. I give orders; I'm the captain.

"I'm the one who says, young man there, move where this young man is sitting, young man there, move where that young man is sitting. You can't do that Thumb." The Index Finger rested his case.

Then the Middle Finger spoke up:

"Why," he said, all you have to do is look at the hand and see I'm the most important. I've got two body guards on either side of me.

"That's how important I am. None of you has two body guards to protect you."

The Middle Finger rested his case.

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**THEN THE** Fourth Finger spoke up. "I'm the most important finger. Every girl knows I'm the closest to her heart. When a ring is put on me everything is all over.

"There's no question about it. I'm the most important because I'm the ring finger."

And she rested her case.

Well, what did the Little Finger say?

**The Little Finger said: "When you go to church, how do you hold your hand when you pray?**

"Why, of course, this is the way you hold your hand," the Little Finger said, "you hold your hand just like this and you see I'm the one that is nearest to the altar.

"I'm therefore nearest to the Lord and I'm the most important."

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**THEN THEY** asked the Brain, Which one of us is the most important?"

The Brain paused in deep thought and then rendered his verdict.

"I don't think any finger," he said, "is more important than the other finger.

**"It is only when all the fingers work together in harmony that anything worth while is accomplished."**

**The fingers accepted the decision and were happy that they were equally important.**

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**THE LESSON in this story is that in the sight of God we are all one people.**

**God created us all. We have the same Father and if we have the same Father we are brothers and sisters.**

**We are all one people. We can all work together for the same noble purpose.**

## Cafeteria worker receives honor

Mrs. Ollie Banks, Baltimore county's first school cafeteria worker was honored for her 30 years of continuous service on Monday.

**The occasion of Mrs. Banks' retirement honors was the closing session of a summer workshop for Baltimore county public - school cafeteria managers and workers attended by some 410 persons.**

Mrs. Banks began her career as a school cafeteria worker on May 12, 1927.

Edward G. Stapleton, superintendent of schools for Baltimore county, praised Mrs. Banks for her long and faithful service.

# Prize fund needs your help badly

Two $25 contributions; a $10 donation from a church, $5 from a jurist and $3 from a medical doctor brought $78 to the AFRO Clean Block Prize Fund by Wednesday.

The new contributions raised the total thus far received to $509.50.

The $25 checks came from radio station WEBB, Bentley Stecher, president; and the Real Estate Board of Baltimore, C. W. Hammond, executive vice president.

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**THE WEBB** gift was the second received in less than a week from the popular community station.

Claude (Buddy) Young, the former Baltimore Colt football star, who conducts a daily sports program over WEBB, gave his personal check for $25 at the kickoff rally last Friday.

In addition Wiley Daniel, program manager of WEBB, has proposed doing a series of radio programs on the AFRO Clean Block Campaign at least twice a week until its close.

The station last Saturday broadcast taped excerpts from the speeches made by Governor McKeldin and Mayor D'Alesandro at the opening rally on Friday.

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**THE ORCHARD** St. Methodist Church, pastored by the Rev. V. T. Key, grandfather of the television speller Gloria Lockermann, sent in a $10 contribution.

The money, apparently raised in a church service in small coins. Orchard St. is the second church thus far to aid the prize fund.

The first church contribution came a week ago from St. Pius Catholic Church of which the Rev. S. J. Hogan is pastor.

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**A DONATION** of $5 arrived Tuesday from a long - time friend of the Clean Block movement. The check was signed by E. Everett Lane, judge of the Baltimore People's Court.

Judge Lane, who usually attends the opening meeting every year, expressed at his inability to be present last Friday since he was away on vacation.

Another perennial donor to the prize fund Dr. E. W. Frey, has been helping Clean Blockers for a long number of years.

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**THE LIST** of the more recent contributors and the amounts they have given follows:

$25.00

Claude (Buddy) Young, Calvert Distilling Co., W. M. The Real Estate Board of Baltimore, C. W. Hammond, executive vice president, WEBB radio station, Bentley Stecher, president.

$15.00

Mrs. Jeannette Christmas.

$10.00

Orchard St. Methodist Church, Rev. V. T. Key, pastor.

$5.00

Judge E. Everett Lane.

$5.00

Dr. H. Macon Williams.

$3.00

Dr. W. R. Frey

# Full text of Governor's talk

Herewith is the complete text of the Governor Theodore R. McKeldin's remarks to AFRO Clean Blockers during the campaign kickoff rally at the Lafayette Court Homes auditorium last Friday morning:

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**"ONCE AGAIN** the AFRO-American is to be congratulated upon its sponsorship of the Clean Block Campaign.

"A Clean block means a clean and attractive neighborhood and clean and attractive neighborhoods make a beautiful city.

"While it is fitting that once a year special emphases should be placed upon cleaning up and beautifying our homes, it is just as important that this should be a continuing effort, not restricted to one short period of time and then permit indifference and neglect to counteract and destroy the very improvements which have been obtained.

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**"AT THE** close of this Clean Block Campaign some of you will be selected as winners in the contest and will receive appropriate awards. This is as it should be but in this type of a contest all of the participants are winners.

**"There are no losers in this campaign."**

"All of you will receive a keen satisfaction which comes only from a job well done and you will experience a justifiable pride in your individual accomplishments.

Nature has endowed Maryland with unsurpassed beauty, a beauty which must not be marred by unsightly homes or poorly kept premises or dirty streets.

**"THE WORK** done during the campaign must have lasting benefits. This Clean Block Campaign continued throughout the year will result in more beautiful neighborhoods and will, of necessity, bring to you a pleasing sense of well being. From the standpoint of simple economics it will result in higher property values.

"Beautification of your property and of your neighborhood is something government cannot do for you. It is something you and only you and can do for yourself. It is something I know you want to do. It is something I am confident you will do.

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**"THERE ARE** some boys and girls who are not here. They couldn't have to be here. You could be out of doors. You don't have to be here, but you're here. And that's very important.

"There are three types of people in every community. There are those who say they are going to do their duty, but they don't do it.

"The second type is those who say they are going to do their duty and they do it.

"The third type the most important, those of you represented here this morning, are those who say you are going to do your duty and then go out and do more than their duty.

"You are not required to be here. You came in here of your own free will and accord.

"That's what makes you the most important citizens in this whole community. You're not only doing your duty, you're doing more than your duty.

"I congratulate you and I know you are going to do a fine job."



# New City Expressways To Replace Many Homes

Baltimore's capital improvement program for the future redevelopment of the city has been brought to sharp attention again, by recent property condemnation ordinances proposed in the City Council to allow the erection of new schools.

**These new ordinances would require that hundreds of residents give up their present homes and seek new ones.**

**Many such home owners affected are recent buyers.**

The City Council will act on these proposals by the city's Board of Education, and, undoubtedly, new ones in new areas, at the end of its summer recess in September.

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**PRESENTLY, PROPOSED** plans of the Bureau of Highways, and those of the Baltimore Urban Renewal and Housing Agency are also going to affect thousands of existing properties throughoutout the city.

**The planning of these agencies, and all other departments of the city, are coordinated by the City Commissioner, Room 400 Municipal Building, Fayette and Holliday Sts.**

This coordination is generally referred to as the city's "Master Plan" for redevelopment and renewal of areas.

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**SEPARATE MAPS** list proposed projects and their locations for as much as 20 years in advance, in some instances.

**Many of such proposed projects are still in the planning stage, and are subject to change of location or otherwise.**

All projects require the final approval of either the city's Board of Estimates and / or the City Council.

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**THREE EXPRESSWAYS** are in the city's Master Plan.

**The Jones Falls Expressway presently under construction and designed to alleviate traffic from the northern county line to downtown; the East-West Expressway, and the latter two are still in the early Southwest Expressway, the latter two are still in the early planning stages.**

The East-West Expressway is proposed to cross the city just north of the business district, and include the area between Mulberry and Franklin Sts. starting west at Myrtle Ave. and Pine St. and continuing west to Pulaski St.

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**THIS MEANS** all properties between Mulberry and Franklin Sts., west from Myrtle Ave. and Pine St. to Pulaski St. will be taken over by the city some time in the near future, to make way for this proposed East-West Expressway.

**The proposed Southwest Expressway is designed to parallel the Baltimore-Washington Expressway and form part of the Federal Interstate Highway system.**

Present plans call for it to start near Federal Park, extend down around Montgomery St., to Howard, and along the Baltimore and Ohio Railroad tracks to Monroe and Russell, and southwestward toward Arbutus.

Hundreds of properties, residential and business, will be affected, if this expressway route is adopted.

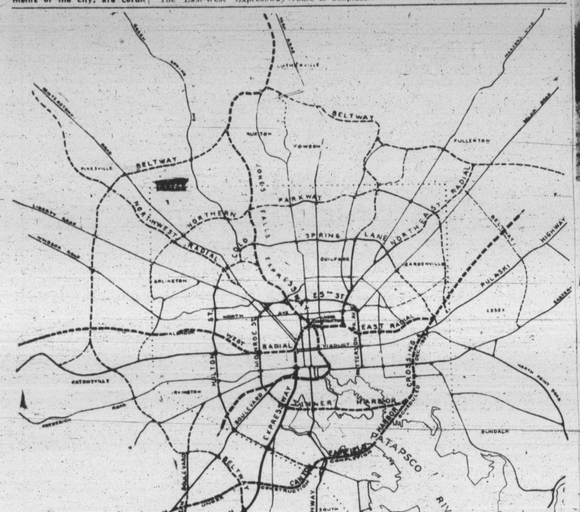
**THE CITIZENS** Planning and Housing Association, 300 block N. Charles St., urged the city administration this week to start planning now for the impact the construction of these two expressways will have on the city.

In a letter to Mayor Thomas D'Alesandro Jr., the association stated:

**"Because of the enormity of the projects, we feel that all direct and corollary aspects should be thoroughly explored before plans reach an irrevocable state."**

The association was particularly concerned with the need for re-location of the thousands of families who will be displaced because of condemnation of their homes, to make way for the East-West and Southwest Expressways.

The association pointed out that the Baltimore Urban Renewal and Housing Agency has had in the re-location of families displaced by slum clearance, but that the city has no method of re-locating families displaced by other public improvements.




**NEW EXPRESSWAY** routes proposed for Baltimore, as listed in the City Planning Commission's capital improvement program, are outlined on the map above. The Jones Falls Expressway is already under construction. The East-West and the Southeast Expressways are still in the early planning stages. If the present routes are adopted, hundreds of homes in the paths of the proposed expressways must be vacated and demolished.

# Planned parenthood put in juvenile delinquency report

The Maryland Commission for the Prevention and Treatment of Juvenile Delinquency reversed a previous ruling Tuesday when it voted to allow a minority report to be submitted along with its regular report to Gov. Theodore R. McKeldin.

**Action on the proposed minority report was prompted by Howard M. Murphy, commission member.**

He said he was in disagreement with the deletion of a section on "Planned Parenthood" from a report of the commission's health committee.

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**THE MINORITY** report will be filed by Mr. Murphy, and will call the commission's attention to planned parenthood as it affects juvenile delinquency.

**The Health Committee's report, as placed in the commission's majority report, had deleted such reference to planned parenthood which had been discussed previously.**

Members of the Health Committee are:

Dr. Jean Stifler, State Department of Health, chairman; Dr. Jacob Morgenstern, director of correctional psychiatry, vice-chairman; Miss Lily Baral, Montgomery Health Department; the Rev. L. Mark Brewster, Perryville; Mrs. Alberta Brown, Centerville; Miss Henrietta DeWitte, director of Social Service, State Department of Mental Hygiene; Dr. Eldon Eagles, director of Public Health candidate.

Also, Dr. Kurt Glaser, University Hospital; Mrs. L. B. Huntington, Annapolis; Miss Julia Freund, State Department of Health; Dr. Vernon C. Kelly; Dr. Lauriston L. Keown; Dr. Irvin Kusner, city Health Department; Mrs. Aaron Nadel; Mrs. Saul B. Nelson, Silver Spring.

And, Dr. Meichijah Spragins, Towson; Miss Louise Ward, supervisor or school nursing, Department of Education, Baltimore; Dr. John Wallbridge Jr., State Department of Health; Dr. Elizabeth Winiarz, Cambridge, and Paul Yaffe, city Department of Education.

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**IN A JUNE 27** letter to Thomas J. S. Waxter, commission chairman, Mr. Murphy said, in part:

**"The commission has voted not to allow a minority report on Planned Parenthood to be filed with the report of the health committee.**

"However, it is my belief that should any member not agree with this limitation, he or she has a right to submit a minority report to the commission, and we have it included and printed in the commission's final report to the Governor.

"This is standard parliamentary and democratic practice."

**THE COMMISSION** also agreed on 18 projects for its 1957 and 1958 program. One was that State training schools be desegregated.

**These proposed projects will form the basis for the Governor's Third Annual State-Wide Conference on Juvenile Delinquency at the University of Maryland, College Park, from September 9 through the 11th.**

They were listed as:

Community Organizations; The Unreached, which includes families not touched by churches, social agencies and community services; Religion; The Family; Physical and Mental Health; Education, State-Wide Recreational leadership; Employment; Foster and Institutional Care; Police.

Also, Juvenile Court; Detention; Institutions; After Care; Personnel; Research; Youth and Public Relations.

# Two AFRO tipsters get top $5 award

Two alert tipsters who were first to advise the AFRO about the drowning of a ten-month-old baby in a bathtub, and the fatal shooting of a Baltimore-born policeman in Newark, N.J., are each $5 richer this week.

**Also winning money for the drowning tip was another tipster who supplied additional information and earned $3.**

A check for $5 was also sent to the tipster who reported the death of a 14-year-old South Baltimore girl in a fall from a swing.

Another person received $2 for reporting the death of Pvt. Bernard Lee Brown, of 1012 Hanover St., who was shot in the 1900 block McCulloh St.; and information about a 14-year-old boy struck by an automobile.

**Others are $1 richer for reporting the fall of two painters from a scaffold; a baby found in a wooded area; a fire in the 500 block E. 20th St.; and the illness of Laster Dickerson, East Baltimore Elk leader.**

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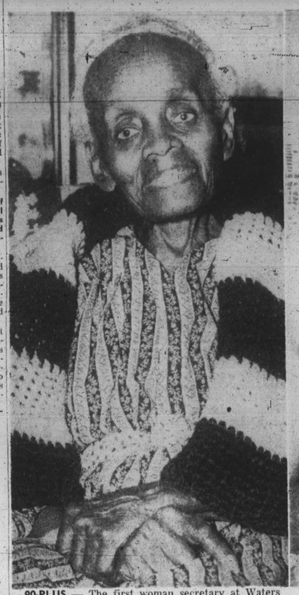
You, too can be an AFRO tipster winner. It's simple to earn cash the easy way.

**All you have to do is call MU 5-6015, 6016, 1812 and 1813.**

If there is no answer, call LA. 3-3024.

A sum of $50 is set aside each week for NEWS TIPS and NEWS PHOTOS. There are winners every week.

# THEY HAVE LIVED TOTAL OF 192 YEARS



**90-PLUS** — The first woman secretary at Waters AME Church and a charter member of Harper Temple of the Elks, Mrs. Mary Katherine Dickson celebrated her 93rd birthday Wednesday, July 3. The spry matron who wed twice, attributes her old age to "moderation."

**99 ON 4th**—Still active at the age of 99, Virginia-born Mrs. Olivia Ann Gress of 614 N. Bentalou St., celebrated Independence Day with a birthday party. Twice married, she is still able to cook and sew.

# Moderation is key to old age, says 90-plus matrons

"Do anything you like but in a ripe old age.

"Do anything but in moderation."

According to two matrons in their nineties who celebrated their birthdays this week, that's the formula for reaching Ann Gross of 615 N. Bentalou St., who celebrated her 99th birthday on July 4 mentioned moderation when asked their formula for attaining old age.

The two women have three things in common. Both are still active, they love good food and both have been married twice.

Virginia-born Mrs. Gross who now lives with her granddaughter, Mrs. Evelyn Jenkins, moved to Baltimore more than 25 years ago.

Mother of eight children, all of whom are dead, Mrs. Gross recalls that during the Civil War her father joined the Union Army.

She remembers that he left home wearing a sword and was away for four years.

During his absence, Mrs. Gross said her mother cared for the children the best she could and plowed like a man.

She is the only member of her family to reach the age of 90.

Mrs. Gross is still a member of Bethel Baptist Church in Lancaster County, Va.

**BALTIMORE — BORN** Mrs. Dickson states: "I pay little attention to what the doctors tell me."

In a strong voice she likes to talk about her attendance at Waters AME Church, and the fact that she was the first woman secretary at her church.

Mrs. Dickson is also proud of the fact that she has missed attending church only five weeks in 31 years.

She is a television fan and a charter member of Harper's Temple of the Elks.

Mrs. Dickson can recall when Baltimore had horse drawn street cars, and of frequent trips to Cambridge, Md.

She resides at the Care for the Aged Home on Fulton Ave.

## Milk bottle dates

(An Editorial)

The Baltimore City Health Department has decided that the date should be retained on milk bottle caps in the city as a public health protective measure.

Local pasteurization plans had selected elimination of dates as an economy measure.

The current issue of the department's Health News advises that after considerable study and consultation with medical authorities, the Health Department rejected the proposal.

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Milk purchasers are entitled to know the age of the milk they buy. We're glad the Baltimore City Health Department has gone on record as opposing any move to take the date off of milk bottle caps. The milk companies will have to find some other economy measure which will not endanger the health of the community.

## Operation Alert begins July 12:

Operation Alert, 1957 which is the annual Civil Defense exercise, will begin at 12, noon, Friday, July 12.

It concludes at 7 p.m. Sunday, July 14.

**During the 55 - hour interval Civil Defense personnel at the city, state and federal levels will test operational procedures and communication facilities between main control centers of the city, state and federal organizations.**

The outdoor attack warning system will not be activated except on one day in Baltimore.

Public participation will be requested only in connection with several demonstrations and tests of local facilities.

## New chairman

Joseph Meyerhoff has assumed his duties as new chairman of the State Planning Commission. He was appointed, by Governor McKeldin to succeed James C. Alban who resigned to devote more time to his business activities.

## Eastside group sends 115 boys to camp

A total of 115 boys ranging from 8 to 12 were sent to Camp Francis M. Wood under sponsorship of the Eastside Community Committee last week.

The boys attended camp for eight days, and held open house for parents and friends on June 23.

**This Eastside camping staff was comprised of Mesdames Cora White, Birtsal Ross, and Ethel Jones:**

Cooks were, William S. Taylor, Officer Gardner Elzy and Robert Andrews; play directors and counselors, Gaither Scott, Robert Mitchell, Craig Newton, David Wyatt, Lawson Johnson, Clarence Chew, Linwood Johnson and Sterling Pointer.

The best kept cabins award was won by Squad No. 1, Lawson Johnson, counselor, Squad No. 7, Clarence Chew, counselor; and Squad No. 5, Gaither Scott, counselor.

Squad department award was won by Squad No. 5, Robert Mitchell, counselor; best horseshoe pitchers, Alzert Dayis and Carroll Gordon from Squad No. 8.

Preston Watson of Squad No. 1 won the best swimmer award; Squad No. 1, David Wyatt, counselor, best hikers; Squad No. 7, Clarence Chew, counselor, basketball champions; Squad No. 8, Lawson Johnson, counselor, volley ball champs; Albert Davis, Squad No. 8, best boxer; Squad No. 4, Sterling Pointer, counselor, drilling Squad No. 6, Linwood Johnson, counselor, singing.

Clean-up award for camp was won by Squads No. 2 and 3: baseball champs, Squad No. 2; Squad No. 7 Corner Barnes from Squad No. 8; biggest counselor eater, Clarence Chew.

## Indonesian art exhibit

WASHINGTON

The Ambassador of the Republic of Indonesia, Moekarto Notowidigdo, is sponsoring an exhibition of contemporary paintings of Indonesia by Dechanan, at the Smithsonian Institution, Constitution Ave. and 10th Sts., NW, through July 15.

The artist, Derabhmai, 29-year-old self taught Indonesian, possess a powerful grasp of color permitting one to feel his personality in his works.

## COMING EVENTS

JULY 6

Ordination of ten Episcopal deacons at Cathedral Church of the Incarnation, University Pkwy., and St. Paul St., at 10 a.m.

Bus trip to Coney Island sponsored by the Westminster Fellowship of Grace Presbyterian Church.

JULY 6-10

Ringling Brothers and Barnum and Bailey circus at Memorial Stadium under auspices of the Variety Club of Baltimore, Tent 19.

JULY 8-AUG. 18

Walters Art Gallery exhibition of Italic handwriting.

JULY 11-12

Sunday School and Baptist Training Union Convention of Maryland Union Baptist Church, Druid Hill Ave. near Lanvale.

JULY 15-22

Several free classes in home care of sick and injured will be sponsored for teenagers by Baltimore Red Cross Chapter nursing services at 23rd and St. Paul Sts. Class time 1 p.m. to 4 p.m. Monday through Thursday.

JULY 20

Fourth annual USO-GI Pal Dinner aboard the aircraft carrier, Leyte, anchored off Naval Academy, Annapolis, at 7 p.m.

JULY 14

Knox Presbyterian Church Sunday School picnic to Fort Smallwood

JULY 15-25

Knox Presbyterian Church Day camp at Herring Run Park.

JULY 24-25

AME Church Bishops' and Connectional Council meeting here at Trinity AME Church.

AUGUST 18-19

Maryland Grand Lodge (Prince Hall) of Masons Convention in Easton.

**OPEN TO ALL**—This is Clyburn Shelter Home for Children, located at 4915 Greenspring Ave., which the Department of Public Welfare operates to provide foster care for boys and girls between the ages of 10 and 14.

Miss Esther Lazarus, director of the DPW, announced last week that the home is now accepting all children. The Home is scheduled to move into a $550,000 new building nearby on Coldspring Lane in the fall.