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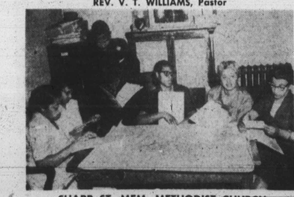

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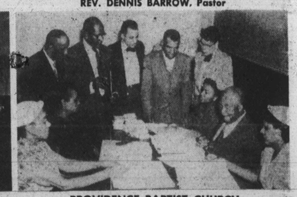

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NOTE: Space will not permit pictures of all who are working in the campaign. Some have appeared previously; others will appear in your Afro in later editions.

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'We're Ready,' Shout 400 Lafayette Clean Blockers

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. .....

CAPTAIN JOSEPH PINDER of the 1100 block Warner St. has enrolled in the AFRO Clean Block Campaign for the fifth straight year. He won honorable mention prizes for two consecutive years. Joseph, whose block faces a truck terminal, says he's aiming for first prize this year.

How to get your block organized

Getting your block enrolled and organized to take part in the 23rd annual AFRO Clean Block Campaign is fairly simple.

You don't have to pay any money, nor write any slogans. All you have to have is a determination to make your neighborhood a more attractive place in which to live.

A Clean Block is one in which steps, sidewalks are washed each a day or as often as needed and the street and alley kept free of trash.

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SWEEP AND pick-up trash. Never sweep in gutter or in alley and leave it there.

Woodwork and vestibules are scrubbed, painted as often as needed.

Windows should be washed and kept clean and curtains hung even.

Garbage and trash cans are removed as soon as emptied; if left in alley a car may run over them.

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IF YOU have a vacant lot or any dirty place, it should be cleaned off and if possible converted into a playground or planted with grass.

But first find out the name of the owner and get permission to use the lot and see if he won't clean the rubbish off for you.

If they won't clean off the vacant lot, call the Clean Block Office for further information.

A beautiful block must have flowers, and must be kept clean front and back.

To improve block you must not sit in the window or leave front steps unsidy. You must not talk loud or cause any other disturbance which will annoy others.

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DO NOT White Wash unless you have wooden fences.

You must display window cards in windows.

Captains must register all persons in the block and have them sign their names.

He or she must call a meeting of all adults and children and elect a president to act as advisor.

Have a secretary to write reports of all meetings.

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HOMES WITH front yards planted with grass and flowers can be made beautiful with but little effort.

If you are using window boxes this year, plant petunias or any small flowers that will make a pretty showing.

Do not overcrowd boxes or yards with too many flowers; especially if your yard is small.

Plan your garden before planting. Use care in selecting the type of flowers that should be used.

Design should be original so that people passing by will take notice.

These are the things that will give you a better chance for being eligible for a top prize.

CLAUDE (BUDDY) YOUNG

Buddy says 'I'll help'

Buddy Young, the ex-fleet-footed Baltimore Colt, and now this equally fast talking radio personality, has pledged his support to the 23rd annual AFRO Clean Block drive.

In a letter received at the Clean Block office Wednesday, Mr. Young, who sports program on radio station WEBB enjoys one of the highest listener ratings in the city, declared:

"It will be a pleasure to partake in such a worthwhile program.

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"I WILL contribute to the prize fund and feel sure that periodic announcements pertinent to "Operation Big Sweep" can be arranged for my show.

"Feel free to call on me for any civic program that is designed to help our communities become a better place in which to live."

The Buddy Young show is heard each afternoon on WEBB beginning at three o'clock.

Mail Workers Lists Now!

Captains not registered until names in office

More than 40 prospective Clean Blockers have sent in application blanks for entry in the 23rd annual drive, but have failed to attach a list of their workers, Clean Block Director M. Francis Mackay revealed Friday.

No captain has been completely enrolled in the campaign until his list of workers has been submitted to the Clean Block office, she said.

The application blank, to be found elsewhere on this page, must be completely filled out, preferably in ink and printed, she said.

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BUT ALONG with the blank should come a full listing of the homes of all youngsters and adults in the block who will assist in the campaign.

These names are necessary, if the Clean Block office is to have a detailed record of all persons participating in the campaign.

More importantly, she said, it is impossible to carry the names of these workers in the AFRO unless they have been sent in by the block's captain.

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BELOW ARE blocks who are fully registered, because their captains have sent the names of all their workers:

Captain Joseph Pender
1100 Block Warner St.

Co - Captain Walter Wilson. Hawora Patterson, Elroy Boone, Thelma Dingle, Shirley Dingle, James Dingle, Walter Williams, James Young, Joe Young, and Mrs. Eulah Hughes, advisor.

Captain Lougenia Highe
2700 Block Presbury St.

Irma Jackson, Janie Mae Jerry, Joyce McCallum, Geraldine McCallum, Otelia Eason, Robert Jerry, Louis Allen, Barbara Bates, Gloria Jerry, Daniel Hawkins, and Mrs. M. Thomas; advisor.

Captain Dolores Hickson
2800 Block Rayner Ave.

Beverly McGowan, Jo Ann Epps, Shirley Gickson, Maria R. Smith, Helen McKay, George Epps, James McKay, Barbara White, Myra Johnson, Dorothy Epps, Mary Ross, and Mrs. Annie E. S. Wells; advisor.

Captain Franklin Harvin
3000 Block Rayner Ave.

Gloria Clinton, Leonard Clinton, Tony Anthony Hall, Ida Harvin, Deborah Hall, Marshall Garret, Donald Garett, Stanley Morris, Norman Jefferson Louise Brown, and Mr. Frank Harvin; advisor.

Captain Vernetta Butler
2400 Block Etting St.

Vernon Nelson Butler, Shirley Givens, Barbara Ann Davis, Howard Rogers, Elvin Counts, William Johnson, Annie Mae Bracy, Edward Matthews, Jennifer Jones, Chris Matthews and Mrs. Gladys Thomson.

Trooper of 'sawdust trail' remember the good old days

By ELIZABETH M. OLIVER

Can you recall the days before sound motion pictures when old time dramas and musical comedies were on the stage at the opera house, and on hot fall evenings the medicine show came to town and raised a tent in a grove just inside the city limits?

Oliver S. Pierce, 1632 Pennsylvania Ave., remembers those days with nostalgia because he played an active role in that by - gone era.

In 1912, at the age of 16, he played the trumpet in his own band which traveled the "sawdust trail" with a medicine show in Pennsylvania.

"The sawdust trail," Mr. Pierce explains now, was a chain of towns where the medicine show put on the show. The grounds surrounding the tent where the crowd gathered were strewn with sawdust."

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BY 1919, Mr. Pierce's orchestra had grown so popular that it was featured at two of the Atlantic City boardwalk hotels.

The following year the orchestra traveled with the Allen Dixon Minstrels, Pop Malloys Tent Show and did a few one - night stands with various carnivals.

In December of that year, Mr. Pierce came to Baltimore and played in the vaudeville show at the old National Theatre on Monument and Eden Sts.

The week before Christmas the orchestra was at the then fabulous Rainbow Theatre in the 1200 block of Pennsylvania Ave.

In 1921, when a Philadelphia theatre chain opened the theatre now called the Royal Theatre, Oliver Pierce and his seven - piece band played the entire week of Feb. 13.

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THE THEATRE was then called "The Douglass" and, to Mr. Pierce and his musicians, it meant they had hit the "big time."

It was a far-cry from the Douglass to the medicine show where the "doctor" wore a tail coat and peddled liniment, soap, tonics and pills and the Pierce orchestra pinch-hit between the commercials.

Leaving the Douglass Theatre, he and his orchestra began a tour of the opera houses and theatres, but one winter, they found themselves stranded in Pittsburgh after playing the old Star Theatre.

The event could have been the disaster of a lifetime, but it became a blessing in disguise.

There Mr. Pierce met the famous blues singer, Bessie Smith, and was given an opportunity to write the music for her band.

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MR. PIERCE, in explaining the type of music he composed, says:

"It certainly wasn't rock-and-roll.

"And, it wasn't the blues. In those days you could simply jot down a few lead bars on the lead sheet and hand it to the piano player and immediately the orchestra was gone with it.

"It was a day when a musician was a real musician who could improvise and the boys in the orchestra could chime in with perfect harmony" he added.

Back in Baltimore late in 1922, the Douglass faced difficult problems and closed down.

"The old time dramas they featured just didn't take," Mr. Pierce recalls now.

It was with sadness that Mr. Pierce saw the closing of the Douglass, but he didn't throw away his hope that the threatre could open again.

"Finally a Philadelphia banker stepped in and they opened under the name of the Royal Theatre on Nov. 20, 1925.

"I was responsible for the name "Royal" and I was the first manager.

"I stayed on until Feb. 1927," Mr. Pierce says.

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AN "AVENUE" figure since the first day he came to Baltimore, Mr. Pierce has been prominent in local music circles for many years.

He will be remembered by many as the trumpet player with Charlie Harris (1927) and the Commonwealth Band, the Baltimore City Band and the Baltimore Park Band.

At the present he is occupied with his restaurant business. The Red Diamond, 1632 Pennsylvania Ave., which features "home cooking" and the "Big Boy" hamburgers.

Also taking up much of his time are his wife, Dorothy, and his three youngsters, Clifton, 13; Carolyn, 10, and Harvey, 8, all of whom help him conduct the restaurant.

"It may be a long way from those days when I was behind the footlights with such acts as Butter Beans and Susie and Drake and Walker and the great Mamie Smith.

"But, I like people, that's the main thing.

"On Pennsylvania Ave., and in my restaurant, I still have the people I love," Mr. Pierce says with a smile.

OLIVER S. PIERCE
No Rock and Roll

Organizing rally roaring success

More than 400 enthusiastic prospective AFRO Clean Block captains, workers and advisers held their first organizing rally Tuesday afternoon at Lafayette Court Homes.

Outlines for the summer-long drive in the city's newest housing development were given by Van Story Branch, its manager, and Mrs. Thalia Carpenter and Mrs. Joan Jeffries, management aides.

The importance of getting registered early was stressed by Mrs. M. Francis Mackay, AFRO Clean Block director, who praised the youngsters for the fine work they did last year.

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THE FACT that such a large number was present at the first rally for this year, forecasts, she said, that an even better job of keeping their new project beautiful would be done this year.

Mrs. Carpenter and Mrs. Jeffries explained to the youngsters how at the end of each month the unit of workers who had shown the most progress would be given a party.

AFRO Clean Blockers of the courts and the 11 - story high buildings, it was revealed, are to be judged on a weekly basis. Red stars are to be awarded the top - scoring units each week.

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AT THE end of the month, the unit which had received four red weekly stars and the monthly gold star would be declared the winner.

Something new was added for Lafayette Court's Clean Blockers this year. A system of secret pass words to be used when addressing their leaders will be used for the first time.

Failure to use the pass word could cost the offending Clean Blocker's unit a red star, the youngsters were told.

George Faulkner of the Bureau of Parks and Recreation also addressed the Clean Blockers and outlined the program he has in mind for their enjoyment as soon as school closes.

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THE ENTIRE group pledged all would be present at the AFRO Clean Block kickoff rally to be held at the Lafayette Court Homes auditorium on Friday morning, June 28 at 10 o'clock.

Mrs. Mackay told them that on that date window cards, captain's flags and other Clean Block material would be passed out to all captains who have enrolled in the 23rd drive.

And to add the happiest note to the whole proceedings, after all the talking was over, each youngster received a warm, cold and delicious popsicle from the Lafayette Court Homes management.

See yourself in color at big kickoff rally

Many of the more than 11,000 youngsters who were enrolled in last year's drive will be able to see themselves in full color pictures on Friday morning, June 28.

That's the date the gigantic kickoff rally for the 23rd annual AFRO Clean Block Campaign will be held at the Lafayette Court auditorium, 201 Aisquith St., near Orleans.

More than 2,000 Clean Blockers, their adult advisors and interested citizens are expected to attend the opening meeting where fun and music will be the highlight of the program.

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THE COLOR films were made of Clean Blockers at work in every section of the city last year by Mrs. Edith Weaver, who became an expert amateur photographer, boys and girls.

The result are scores of slides of Clean Block scenes and personalities which will be given the first public showing at the opening meeting.

In addition to these pictures, some special motion pictures showing how litter and filth spoils the beauty of a neighborhood will be exhibited through the courtesy of the Keep Maryland Beautiful Committee.

Miss Phoebe Albert is chairman.

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CLEAN BLOCKERS will also get their first opportunity to see the striking new AFRO Clean Block flag, which will be used both for presentation to Honor Blocks and to be displayed in front of captain's homes.

Many captains who haven't received their campaign material will be able to do so at the opening meeting, Mrs. M. Francis Mackay, AFRO Clean Block director said.

Words to Live by

By Rev. Robert T. Newbold Jr.

Dr. Halford Luccock tells of an old Persian legend which describes a father going on a long journey and leaving his son a mirror. When he returned, he found that the boy had starved to death looking at himself.

There is a true meaning to this legend. It is a sure way for a person to starve to death emotionally — looking at himself.

The words of a popular song express this thought differently by stating "No man is an island." To be sure, we cannot remain emotionally healthy when we are concerned only with looking at ourselves.

As social beings our highest good is linked with the highest good of others. So the prescription life writes across our experiences is not in terms of isolation, but cooperation.

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A PERSON also can starve to death spiritually when he spends his time only looking at himself. For those who do this end up worshipping themselves instead of the God who created them.

Thus, their god is within themselves. They love them themselves so greatly that they are unable to really love God.

This was the plight of the Rich Fool. He loved himself so much until he could not love anyone else enough.

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MAN WAS made to love and be loved. He was created to love God as Father and his neighbors as brothers. Because of this he can ill - afford to spend all of his time looking at and looking out for himself.

Some of his concern must be for the needs of others. Obviously then, one's emotional and spiritual health is influenced by his outgoing love or absence of it.

All of this directs us to the suggestion of the Master when he said: "Thou shalt love the Lord-they God; and thy neighbor as thyself."

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WHAT ARE the things of life you prize most? How do you try to obtain them?

The list of many people will, doubtless, be filled with material things. Moreover, some have often had dreams of obtaining the things they prize in a cheap or inexpensive manner.

Actually the highest prizes of life are not materialistic. Moreover, they are priced very high.

One prize is a good conscience. Some people often feel sick. They go to their physician. He cannot discover anything organically wrong.

Why? Because the basis of their illness is not physical, but moral. Their need is for a good conscience.

"How does one obtain a good conscience?" It is obtained by disciplined, righteous living. Jesus frequently emphasized this fact.

ANOTHER PRIZE is courage in difficulties. The little boy finds it easy to talk about beating the bully of the neighborhood in the absence of the bully. He has the courage to talk.

But, when he comes face to face with the bully he does not have the courage to translate his words into deeds.

Many individuals are like that. They talk about standing their ground when the going in life gets tough. However, when it really gets tough they beat a hasty retreat. They wish to be true to their convictions.

In fact they talk about being true to their convictions. When the showdown comes when they find themselves outvoted—they lose courage and put their convictions aside.

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THE FACT of the matter is that the courage to do what is right is not often the result of the individual's strength. Rather it is the result of reliance upon God.

It comes from the knowledge that one has discovered God's will and the confidence that God will provide the strength by which one can reveal that will to others.

The reason the prophets could stand boldly and declare their scathing indictments against nations as well as individuals was because they were convinced they were speaking for God.

Those who speak for God—whether they be priest or layman — are always equipped by him with the courage they need in difficulties.

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A MUCH coveted prize today is peace of mind. In some quarters there are those who apparently believe it can be achieved by a pill. But, it is not that easy.

True peace of mind comes with trust in God. Those who trust in themselves or their possessions will never experience the obtaining of this prize.

Others who have learned the secret of really trusting in Him although they may have less materially—actually have more than those who have not learned it.

Our need is to do away with the cheap values of life. We should seek the highest prizes and have sense enough to realize that they can only be obtained by the payment of a high price.

Dr. M. C. Allen to speak here

Dr. M. C. Allen, president of Virginia Seminary and College, Lynchburg, Va., will be the main speaker Wednesday, June 19, 8:30 p.m. at the 16th annual session of the Maryland General Baptist Association.

The program will be held at New Mt. Hebron Baptist Church, George St. and Perkins Ave., the Rev. H. L. Long, pastor.

The three-day meeting will begin, Tuesday, June 18 and end Friday, June 21.

The Rev. W. D. Leighton is moderator.

TO TEACH AT MICH. U. MARSHALL, Texas — **Dr. Caesar F. Toles,** director of the Bishop College Center in Dallas and principal of the J. J. Rhodes Elementary School there, will teach two nurses in education at the University of Michigan (Ann Arbor) summer session.

AFRO News tipsters earn cash each week

The tip on the death of a prominent minister in Baltimore was good for a $4 check this week.

In addition, $2 checks were mailed to other lucky NEWS-tipsters who called in information on the murder on Mosher St.; funeral of a well known business man, and plans to build a school in the 2000 block of Division St.

Each of these tips earned a $1 check: story of wife visiting the ship named for her husband 15 years ago; woman jumped out of window on Gay St.; colored minister from Canada spent night in hotel with jim crow policy; man found dead in auto at Caroline and Preston Sts.

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ALSO DEATH of man in Mansel Ct.; story of persistent graduate at Coppin's, and tip on police shooting through home on Woodbrook Ave.

Checks are sent out every week for newstips and it is so simple to earn cash this way.

Here is all you do:

Call MU 5-6013, 6016, 1812 and 1813. If no answer, call LA. 3-3024.

$50 is set aside each week for NEWS TIPS and NEW PHOTOS and there are winners every week.

COMING EVENTS

JUNE 14, 15, 16
Arthur Miller's "Death of a Salesman" will be the feature at the Arena Playhouse, 1908 Warwick Ave.

JUNE 14
Cotton Ball sponsored by Adult Advisory Council at Mt. Winana Recreation Center, School No. 136, 2401 Huron Ave. Music by Joe Caddle.

JUNE 14
The Rev. J. Lloyd Garrison will preach at Union Baptist Church, 11 a.m.

The Most Worshipful Hiram Grand Lodge, Inc., AF and AM, will have its 38th annual Grand Worship Service. A parade starts at the Fifth Regiment Armory at 1:30 then moves on to Shiloh Baptist Church, Freestman and Stricker Sts.

The Herbert Gospel Singers will appear at the Progressive Baptist Church, 3809 Raynor Ave., at 3:30 p.m.

Band concert sponsored by Department of Recreation and Parks, 3 to 5 p.m. Charles E. Gwynn, conducting.

JUNE 17
Baltimore Police Boys Clubs winners to get their annual awards, Southern Hotel Ballroom, 6:30 p.m.

JUNE 18
The Band Association of Baltimore will appear in a musical concert at the Highway Christian Pentecostal Faith Church Tuesday, June 18, 8 p.m.

Elder Paul A. Thompson, pastor, Mrs. Pauline Harris, chairman, James Sharkley, president. Miss Anna Mae Hunter, business manager of the Association.

JUNE 19
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JUNE 22
The 37th anniversary of the Monumental Lodge of Elks with a testimonial dinner for Dr. Bernard Harris Sr., Tri-State president.

JUNE 23
Parade at 2 p.m. by the Elks in conjunction with the Tri - State Association Convention.

JUNE 23-24
The Methodist Conference on Human Relations at Govans Methodist Church with the theme, "The Church In The Changing Community." The church is located at York Road opposite McCabe Ave.

JUNT 24-28
Department of Education Workshops.
Red Cross Training Center for student leaders.

JUNE 25
Grand Tri - State Ball at Fifth Regiment Armory, featuring Lionel Hampton and his band, and the crowning of beauty contest winner as "Miss Tri - State of 1957," all in connection with the Elks 37th annual Tri - State Association Convention here.