About Our Town

By DARRYL BROOKS

As the hot weather came steaming into Baltimore the past week or so, also did the Bureau of Recreation's Fun Wagons.

The Fun Wagons visit various neighborhoods throughout Baltimore to provide youngsters with fun.

Three weeks ago I printed the schedule saying where they would be daily.

If this isn't readily obtainable then you may obtain a schedule from the Bureau of recreation. The wagons will continue to circulate throughout the summer months.

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The Baltimore Fire Department this week began an exhibition of its fire fighting strength at local recreation centers.

The exhibitions will continue through August 18, at more than 10 recreation centers and schools.

Check your local recreation center for all details concerning the exhibition.

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On July 9 at Easterwood Park the Baltimore hula-hoop finals will be held at 2 p.m.

Youngsters from 5 to 15 years of age are eligible to enter and in order to enter you must go to your local recreation center.

Contestants will be judged on events such as Wrap the Mummy, The Stork, Hula Hop, Alley oop and the Knee Knocker.

Points will be given on your performance and you can add more points by taking part in the free style events.

All events will be performed to the beat of some of today's music in the background.

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Winners at the local level advance to the city championships at Easterwood Park and those successful at that level will advance to the state competition held July 31 at the Furley ecreation Center.

The state winners will advance to the regional runoffs for elimination.

The regional winner then goes to Hollywood, on an expenses paid trip, to compete in the national championships August 27. Top prize for the national winner is a $1,000 U.S. Savings Bond and a trophy. This winner last year was Melody Howe, an 11-year-old from Torrance, California.

This year more than 1,000,000 youngsters are expected to compete nationally.

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No sooner than one track meet is finished then another is ready to be run.

Last week at Poly, the 55th annual Municipal Games and Track meet was held and it turned out to be an overwhelming success.

July 17, at Northwestern High School the annual Jesse Owens Track and Field Meet will be held.

Once again, this meet is for amateurs and any all are asked to participate, that is if you can catch your breath after watching that fast field at Poly last week.

Apply at your local rec center or at the Bureau of recreation.

Going somewhere for the July 4 weekend? If not, then stop by at Memorial Stadium this Saturday. Early entertainment will be provided by the Detroit Tigers and Baltimore Orioles.

You might say the big bats of these two teams will provide some early fireworks.

Following the game, there will be entertainment by marching bands and then the grand finale, an exhibition of fireworks in the centerfield area.

The fireworks exhibition is sponored annually by the Northeast Baltimore Association.

Students wishing to attend Oriole games at a discount should call the Orioles ticket office for more information.

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PICNIC TIME gets into full swing around July 4, the last holiday before Labor Day. Enjoying the day out of doors were many families who attended the recent festivities of the Coast Guard Yard picnic honoring the commanding officer, Rear Admiral E. L. Perry. Seated left to right are Joseph Hall, Delores King, Eugene L. King Sr., Johnny Hall, Mrs. Hall, Valarie Hall and Jean Hall. The King family resides at Winters Lane, Catonsville, while the Hall family residence is in Severn, Md.

Small Loans chief named

ANNAPOLIS — Gov. Marvin Mandel announced Wednesday the appointment of Alan T. Fell, an assistant to the state insurance commissioner, to the newly created post of commissioner of small loans under the also new Department of Licensing and Regulation.

The governor had not, however, finalized at AFRO press time a batch of other appointments including several judgeship posts that are authorized as of the past Wednesday.

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Boy Scouts to run 300 miles with flags

Boy Scouts from six different Scout Councils are running relay style carrying American Flags from Independence Hall, Philadelphia and Freedom Foundation, Valley Forge today as part of the Boy Scouts of America participation in the "Honor American Day" celebration in Washington on July 4th.

The first boys left from Independence Hall and Valley Forge yesterday morning and have been running relays of one mile.

The Scouts are running only during daylight hours and all traffic lights will be observed for safety reasons. The last boy will arrive in Washington at twelve noon, July 4th.

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Boy Scouts from the Harford District started at six o' clock this morning one from Havre de Grace with the American Flag from Independence Hall and another from Conowingo Dam with the American Flag from Freedom Foundation, Valley Forge Park, where they received the flags from Scouts from the Del-Mar-Va and Chester County Councils respectively.

The American Flag from Independence Hall is received, to city line on Pulaski Highway and will be brought to the City Hall via Highland Ave. and Fayette St.

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The Freedom Foundation American Flag will be run from the city line by Baltimore City Boy Scouts via Belair Rd., North Ave., St. Paul St., Lexington St. to the City Hall.

Mayor Thomas D'Alesandro will greet the incoming Boy Scouts at the City Hall at 10:15 a.m. when they turn the American Flags over to two Scouts who will then run out Fayette St., turn the flags over to Scouts at Greene St.

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