'Eagle Eye' rated tops in his job

By HERB MANGRUM

They called him Eagle Eye and to the regret of a dozen shoplifters still behind bars, he lives up to his reputation.

In the brief span of four years 31-year old Howard Brown has gained the reputation of being the most active store detective in Baltimore. He averages six arrests each week.

To merchants in the Howard and Lexington Sts., area, the little man known as "Eagle Eye" Brown is a blessing in disguise.

Unlike the Hollywood type store dick, he does not wear a derby or trench coat. Neither does he drink, smoke, swear or frequent night clubs.

Instead, at the end of his working day, he pulls on a heavy army type jacket, jams a toothpick beneath a thick mustache and walks home to his wife Gloria and their six children in the 1100 block of Orleans St.

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ONE COULD say that the muscular five-foot-five inch tall young man who once thought about making the Army a career is a self-made man.

During the Korean conflict Mr. Brown served in an Army trucking outfit.

Following his discharge in 1954 he became a store detective by accident.

This came about while he was working as a porter in a restaurant and he happened to stumble upon a youth, swiping toys from a Lexington St. store.

The store manager was so impressed with the way Brown handled himself that he hired him on the spot.

When five other stores decided they too could use his services, he gave up his restaurant job.

Some members of the Police Department also put in a good word for the new detective.

As to his first assignment as a private eye Mr. Brown recalls: "I was as green as could be. I didn't know a thing about being a store detective.

"What little I have learned about this business I picked up by keeping my eyes open."

By keeping his eyes open Mr. Brown is required to attend court at Central police headquarters almost every day.

Middle-aged women and teenagers are his biggest headaches.

"The men were doing all the shoplifting at first but now the women have taken it over. Married women with kids too" he declares.

"They usually come in with shopping bags to load up. I remember seeing one woman from Virginia leave a store with a coat under her clothing.

"Now and then someone will try bribery but I don't go for that and I don't like people who do.

"I dislike even more parents who send or bring their children downtown to steal for them.

CITING ONE such case Mr. Brown states.

"I once saw two women with four shopping bags enter and leave six stores with a little boy.

They were stealing toys and taking them over to a corner where the kid was waiting with a bag.

"When I caught up with them I found out one of the women had misplaced $200 her husband had given her to buy Christmas toys and was stealing to cover up the loss."

"I dislike seeing kids in trouble and whenever I can, I try to help them.

"As you would expect most shoplifting is done at Christmas time. That's one time of the year I hate to see.

"Around Christmas the women take over and really give you a run for your money.

"By run I mean you have to chase them. I once chased an elderly well dressed woman all the way from Park Ave., to Lexington Market. She pulled up her skirt and almost got away from me."

Mr. Brown named one shopping center near the downtown area that is taking a "terrific beating" from shoplifters because they do not have adequate protection.

He pointed out that shoplifters have changed their method of operation in that a gang from Washington do not come into the downtown area anymore but they are moving out to the shopping centers.

FOR A MAN who sold sandwiches aboard trains on the Atlantic Coast line and worked in private homes in Towson, Mr. Brown is proud of the fact that he has found a job that he enjoys doing.

"I have been moving for four years now and I don't intend to let up.

In answer to the question, where were you born? Mr. Brown answers frankly, "I really don't know you see, I'm an orphan.

"I have been told that when I was about six months old a lady found me on her door steps somewhere around Pennsylvania and Dolphin.

The authorities let her keep me until the age of nine and then they placed me in the St. Mary's Home for orphans.

"I learned a few things there. I learned to think to keep to myself, and to keep out of trouble. I have no regrets about having spent time there because I learned a lot."

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BANK HOLDUP SUSPECTS—In Federal custody when this picture was taken were two of the suspects in the Greenville, S.C. bank holdup. They had just received a preliminary hearing before the U.S. Commissioner in Baltimore and were ordered held pending the arrival of extradition papers.

AT FINKS FUNERAL—A daughter and three sons of Mrs. Ida B. Finks, 1731 McCulloh St., who died last Saturday at age 101, are seen at her funeral at Grace Presbyterian Church. They are Miss Emily S. Finks, Edward B., Robert and Albert Finks. Gentleman at left is Herbert Nutter, funeral director. Not seen is another daughter of the deceased, Mrs. Sadie B. Peck.

—Bank suspect

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bail of $10,000 on her son, Billy Jackson, 19, and bail of $15,000 on her brother, Jesse Lee Townes, 33, 6000 block Booker Rd., Catonsville, as suspects in the $21,150 armed robbery of a Greenville, S.C., bank Thursday of last week.

Last Saturday, her husband, Robert Jackson, 40, had been arrested by FBI agents in Washington, and held in connection with the same robbery.

Approximately $18,500 of the money taken in the bank robbery has been recovered from the homes of Jackson and Townes, according to information from the local FBI office, headed by James J. Kelly.

About $7,500 was found in the Jackson home last Friday evening, the day before his arrest, FBI agents revealed, and about $11,000 and a 32-calibre automatic found in Townes' Catonsville home Monday evening.

Young Jackson, a ninth grade student at the Carver Vocational Technical School, was arrested the same day at this Catonsville home of his uncle.

Mr. Townes was arrested Monday evening at a hotel in the 600 block W. Franklin, where he is reported to have registered under another name.

THE FBI released this information in connection with the bank holdup:

1. On the morning of Jan. 21, two men kidnapped a taxi driver in Greenville, tied him up on the outskirts of Greenville and robbed him, and then drove off in his cab;

2. About 11 a.m. the same morning, an armed man held up a bank in Greenville, escaping with $21,150, in the stolen cab.

From then on, FBI agents acted swiftly on what was termed "good information."

Mrs. Jackson told the AFRO the FBI men had informed her a paycheck stub belonging to her husband, from a local laundry where he was employed, was found at the scene of the robbery.

"And that's what I can understand," Mrs. Jackson told her AFRO visitor. "We are all from Greenville, we've been in Baltimore about eight years.

"So, why would two men who are well known there go back there to do something like this?"

THE JACKSONS have seven other children, ranging in ages from nine to 19 years.

Mrs. Jackson is employed as a house-keeper.

"Billy is a good boy," she said. "His teachers and everybody in the neighborhood will tell you that.

"I don't know why two men would take him off and get him mixed up in something like this."

She told the AFRO that her brother, Mr. Townes is married, and has three children, all under ten years of age.

Warrants from Greenville had not been received here Tuesday when young Jackson and Mrs. Townes were arraigned.

When the warrants arrive, they will again be brought before the U.S. Commissioner for extradition to Greenville.

Rev. Wright

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Alpha Fraternity, and he was a member of the committee which met at Howard University in 1909 to plan the fraternity's first general convention.

In Hartford, he has been active in community affairs during his entire ministry, and is credited with opening job opportunities for young people in many fields.

Dr. Wright's closest relative is Mrs. Cora Lloyd, 2307 Brackley St., Baltimore. She is critically ill and has not been informed of his death.

Three cousins also reside in Baltimore. They are The Rev. Margaret Gray Allen, associate minister, Gills Memorial Church; John C. Turner, science instructor at Morgan State College, and Mrs. Dorothy Jackson.

PTA leader hurt in fall

WASHINGTON — Mrs. Margaret Courtney, PTA leader, was reported in fair condition Thursday in Casualty Hospital after she fell accidentally in People's Drug store, Eighth and H Sts. NE., and suffered a cerebral concussion.

Police said Mrs. Courtney struck her head against the counter in the fall while shopping in the Drug Store.

She resigned last fall as president of the Lovejoy PTA after a dispute with principal Eddie A. Matthews. Mrs. Courtney refused her position, however, on the board of managers of the District Congress of Parents and Teachers.

She is a District recreation supervisor. She lives with her family at 411 11th St. NE.

Zoning hits Mosher St. housing plan

A proposal to continue five families at 1127 W. Mosher St. was rejected Tuesday by the Board of Municipal and Zoning Appeals.

Also disapproved were the housing of three families at 2034 Guilford Ave., and the erection of a basement office at 2301 Edmondson Ave.

The Zoning Board approved, however, the housing of three families at 837 N. Carrollton St.

Among the cases scheduled for the coming Tuesday at 1 p.m. is a request to locate three families at 1418 E. Preston St.

LOVE AND MARRIAGE

The James Fosters end their marriage but stay partners

Mrs. Doretha Foster, 1605 Gwynns Falls Parkway, and James C. Foster ended their marriage but retained their business partnership, here, this week.

The Fosters operate a bar at 528 W. Hoffman St., which is also the residence of Mr. Foster.

Said the wife in testimony that won a divorce for her:

"He left me. He just took his things and moved. He suggested that I get a divorce."

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THE DESERTION, said she, took place on July 28, 1957. They were married in Greenville, S.C. on Nov. 24, 1946, and are parents of a 10-year-old daughter.

Mrs. Foster was given custody of the child.

She told the court that she and Mr. Foster had agreed on a financial arrangement.

"We operate the business together and have decided to keep it that way. A certain amount of money will be taken from the business to run the home," she said.

JESSE LEE TOWNES
Nabbed at hotel under other name

BILLY JACKSON
Mother says he's a good boy

'Laundry lady' leaves laundry

To many she was known as the "the laundry lady," but her name was Mrs. Orella T. Sullivan, 53, proprietor of Artistic Hand Laundry, 306 McMechen St.

Mrs. Sullivan, who operated the laundry at the same location for 22 years, died at Provident Hospital on Monday.

She had been operated on at Provident in September and her condition was tow, reported her daughter, Mrs. Corinna Willis.

Mrs. Sullivan had a relapse on Jan. 31, which later proved to be fatal.

A native of Greenville, S.C., Mrs. Sullivan has lived in Baltimore for 35 years.

At one time she had been employed at Druid Hand Laundry, and after that she was employed at the McMechen St. laundry.

When her employer was given for her husband, Mr. Sullivan, along with a co-worker bought their former employer out.

It was only shortly after that, that Mrs. Sullivan's business took her left her sole owner of the concern.

SINCE THEN, 22 years ago, Mrs. Sullivan has been known as a specialist in hand laundry.

A member of Enon Baptist Church since 1930, she was president of the Young Matrons Circle; and a member of the Willing Workers, Ivy Flower Guild, the Mothers Club, and the Missionary Circle.

She was also a member of the Knights of Pythias.

As a member of the United Order of Tenths, she was grand leader of Colonia Sullivan Order, chapter number 681.

In addition to her daughter, Mrs. Sullivan is survived by two sisters, Mrs. Esther Dodson, who assisted Mrs. Sullivan in her business, and Mrs. DeRothy Dunlap; a brother, Clark Johnson, Greenville, S.C.; a brother-in-law, Henry Dunlap; and a son-in-law, Randolph B. Willis.

Also, two grandchildren, Miss Elinor Willis, 17, freshman at Morgan State College and Randolph H. Willis, 16, a junior at Baltimore Junior College.

Funeral arrangements will be held at Enon Baptist Church on Saturday at 12 a.m. with the Rev. A. J. Payne officiating.

Group named to study welfare eligibility

City Council President Philip H. Goodman appointed a committee of council members and citizens this week to study the public welfare situation in respect to eligibility for such aid.

This action is the result of a resolution adopted last November 9, calling for the study to determine whether applicants for welfare in all categories should not be required to be residents of the city for a two-year period, rather than the one year now acceptable in some cases.

The resolution was placed before the City Council by its vice president, William D. Schaefer, Fifth District.

Mr. Goodman named the following councilmen to the committee:

ANTHONY F. DIDOMENICO, Second District, chairman; Frank X. Gallagher, Third District; James J. Duffy, First District; Walter T. Dixon, Fourth District; William L. Hodges, Sixth District and Mr. Schaefer.

Five citizens were also named to the committee, as their organizational representatives. They are:

Miss Joan Burrier, Citizens Planning and Housing Association; Daniel M. Blum, Maryland State Conference of Social Welfare, Milton Young, Baltimore Council of Social Agencies; Mrs. Frank Zoles, Women's Civic League, and Mrs. J. Rutledge Clark, League of Women Voters.

Kitty Mueller gets freedom, no alimony

Mrs. Catherine (Kitty) Mueller, 2206 Roslyn Ave., has been freed of her blond seaman husband, John Mueller, but without alimony or support.

Mrs. Meuller, who gave her age as 39, and that of her husband as 60, said they were married in Washington on March 12, 1955. The union lasted only until June, 1956 according to her testimony.

"There was constant bickering and what have you, and we just found out that we couldn't get along. So we decide to separate," the wife said.

Mrs. Mueller signed a stipulation under which she "waived all alimony, maintenance and support, both temporary and permanent."

Mr. Mueller agreed to pay her attorney $300, to take care of his own counsel's fee, and to pay court costs.

2-week marriage over; he goes to Philly, she home to mother

Testifying that her marriage lasted only two weeks, Mrs. Betty L. Hobbs of 2542 Garrett Ave., divorced Sturling J. Hobbs, Monday.

"I found out that he had gotten into some trouble and he started telling me about it. We decided we couldn't get along," said the 23-year-old wife.

She added that she went back to her mother's home at 1203 Washington St., and her husband, 27, went to Philadelphia.

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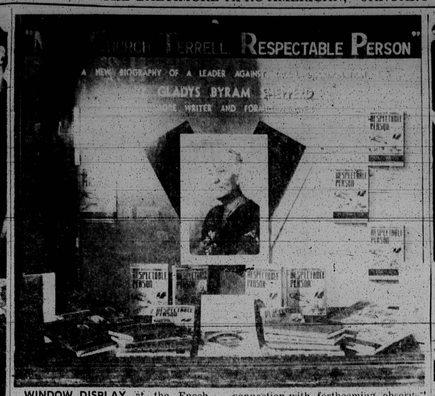
AUTHOR IS GUEST — Sunday saw "Open House" held at the Baltimore Fellowship with Mrs. Gladys Shepperd as guest of honor. Mrs. Shepperd is the author of the new book, "Mary Church Terrell—Respectable Person." Here, left to right: Mrs. Adah K. Jenkins, hostess; Miss Kay Waller, Mrs. Shepperd, Miss Ora Williams and Miss Ruth Fegley, director of Fellowship House.



WINDOW DISPLAY at the Enoch Pratt Library features book "Mary Church Terrill, Respectable Person," as part of the library's exhibitions in connection with forthcoming observance of History Week. Book is by Mrs. Gladys Byram Shepperd, Baltimore writer and former teacher here.

AWARDED SERVICE PIN — The Rev. William W. Dyson of Annapolis, an employe in the Midshipman's Commissary Department of the U.S. Naval Academy, is awarded a service pin by Commander Louis W. LeForge for having served in his department 20 years. The Rev. Mr. Dyson is pastor of the Wayside Spiritual Church of Annapolis.

Plan bingo party

A bingo party sponsored by Southern High School's PTSA will be held in the school cafeteria on Friday, Feb. 12 at 8 p.m. Proceeds of the evening will go to the PTSA fund to help with such worthy projects as scholarships.

Among the numerous prizes are an electric toaster and an served by students who have volunteered to help out for the evening.

ANNAPOLIS DINGS

By ELOISE RICHARDSON

Recreation helps reduce rate of delinquency; Three 1959 debutantes receive college scholarships; Married couples chose teaching as life's work; The Rev. William W. Dyson cited.

Today's increasing delinquency rate is a direct challenge to recreation leadership to increase the provision of community recreation services for all young people," says William Hayes, supervisor of play centers in Anne Arundel County.

In accord with such ideas, the Anne Arundel County Department of Recreation is expanding its efforts in a year-round program to reach boys and girls of the county and their multitude of interest.

Mr. Hayes is the instigator of this much-needed program with the youngsters. This week we point out to you one of these organized efforts out in the Parole area.

There one will find that such a program has great meaning for 30 teen-agers between the ages of 13 and 16, under the leadership of Mrs. Hannah Chambers, their adviser, and a teacher of Bates Junior High School.

The group, which calls itself the Parole Junior Teen Club, enjoys a well-rounded cultural and recreational program motivated into many categories of interests.

The group, which enjoys visits from the fabulous Hope Diamond at the institute to the magnificent Tidal Basin in all its autumn splendor.

"I believe it all boys and girls are anxious to respect their own activities through the right motivation and supervision in a creative year-round program while they are the ages of these children, we shall not have to worry about them when they reach the age of 17 or over," said Mr. Hayes.

She also stated further that the program aids in the development of good life for these youngsters while they are going through the stages of approaching maturity.

The teen-ages are now working on a project which includes the making of stuffed animals for children in hospitals. They will also make tray favors which will be given to patients in hospitals at Easter time.

WHEN THE GROUP held its annual Holiday Ball there were marked signs of "a balanced relationship" between these boys and girls in their manners and conduct.

Members who attended the ball were:

Juanita Johns, Lutitia Smith, Shirley Sellman, Victoria Hawkins, Eleanor Wells, Debora Greene, Linda Simms, Bernice Flower, Jimmy Sellman, Furman Colbert;

Also Samuel Parker, James Dobson, Ulysses Brooks, Walter Queen, Louis Byrd, Ronald Chew, Roland Smith, Charles Greene, Guy Washington, James Makell, Gilbert Davis, Randolph McGowan and James Mooney.

Their guests included:

Grace Matthews, Loretta Booth, Rosemarie Swann, Morris Parker, Walter Hall, Mervalene Wilson, Adrain Wiseman, Russell J. Moore, Jimmie Braxton, Renee Baden;

Also Joyce Clark, Sheridan Chase, Rosalyn Taylor, Frank Johnson, Bessie Johnson, Clifton Dobson, Sharon Colbert, Janice Hall, John McCowan, Burie Chambers, John Nick, James Plattenberg, Walter Queen and Charles Parker.

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AMONG THE many high school graduates in Maryland who will enter college this fall on scholarships will be three of Maryland's 1959 debutantes who made their bow in Washington during the Thanksgiving week end.

Each of these girls will go to the college of her choice. They were awarded these scholarships as follows:

Miss Janice Hair, the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Willie Hair Jr. of Lanham, Md., $500.

Miss Joyce E. Nexl, the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. George Phelps, Jr. of Annapolis, $200.

Miss Martha M. Selden, the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Walace E. Selden of Landover, Md.

Opportunity came to these young people through a program sponsored by Dr. and Mrs. H. A. Wise Jr. of Lanham, Md. An annual affair the Maryland Debutante Ball and its charm school, not only lends itself to civic, social and cultural development and leadership for self-improvement and enrichment, but creates an urge in the debs to help themselves in going forward.

The scholarships are made possible through the support of their parents and friends, then the debutante ball is held each year.

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IT IS so interesting to note the number of married couples who have chosen as their life's work, the teaching profession, and are not only residents in this area, but working in the county school system, and in many instances, in the same school.

Anne Arundel County is one of the larger counties in Maryland, and therefore has a very large school population. This column will introduce to you, for the next several weeks, many of these couples who are responsible for the education of our children.

Two charming couples working at Bates Senior and Bates Junior High Schools are Mr. and Mrs. Lawrence E. Knight and Mr. and Mrs. Willie Q. McManus, both permanent residents of Arundel-on-the-Bay, Annapolis.

Mrs. Knight, the former Dorris Simmons of Jersey City, N.J., before coming to Annapolis, taught for three years in Pennsylvania County of Virginia, after undergraduate work at Elizabeth City State Teachers College in North Carolina.

A teacher of English and social studies at Bates Senior High, she had graduate work at Howard University. She is a member of Delta Pi Omega Chapter of Alpha Kappa Alpha Sorority.

Her husband, a native of Danville, Va., is a graduate of Virginia State College. He taught in his hometown for three years and also served in the Army Medical Corps for two years.

A teacher of biology at Bates Senior High, he is president of the local Eta Eta Lambda Chapter of Alpha Phi Alpha Fraternity. The couple has been in the county system for six years.

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MR. AND MRS. McManus have resided here for four years. Mrs. McManus was the former Joyce Picot of Aboskie, N.C. She did her undergraduate work at Bennett College and further study at Syracuse University.

Her first job was at Elizabeth City State Teachers College for a year, and later she taught in the public schools of North Carolina for seven years.

Mrs. McManus is a music teacher at Bates Junior High.

Mr. McManus comes from Cherkaw, S.C. and is a graduate of A. and T. College, having majored in mathematics and business administration. He did further study at Syracuse and American Universities.

Aside from having served in the U.S. Army for four years, he was also affiliated with the Baltimore Department of Parks.

He is a teacher of math at Bates Senior High, is a Mason, and a member of Kappa Alpha Psi Fraternity.

THE REV. William W. Dyson, an employee in the midshipmans' Commissary Department of the U.S. Naval Academy received a service pin recently for 20 years of service in his department.

Not too long ago the Rev. Mr. Dyson was cited and presented a Certificate of Commendation for an Outstanding Sick Leave Record, when he had accumulated more than a 1,000 hours. Both Awards were made by Commander Louis W. LeForge.

The Rev. Mr. Dyson, pastor of the Wayside Spiritual Church, has been a resident of Annapolis for 17 years and is the father of six children, one of whom is a foster child.

The children are Deborah, 17, senior at Bates High School and copy editor of her class year book; Delores, 17, Bates High School; Priscilla, 13, Annapolis Junior High School; Wilsonia, 10, William Wilson Jr., 8, and Charlene, 3.

Mrs. Dyson, active in church and PTA circles, is chairman of the Health Committee of the Bates High PTA and program chairman and a member of the Health Committee of the Parole School PTA. The family resides at 275 Hicks Avenue, Annapolis.

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MISS MARY SELLMAN, Bates High School graduate, and a nurses' aid at Crownsville State Hospital received the Community Chest - Red Cross United Appeal Award for services in the 1959 campaign, has contributed to the North Carolina Mutual Insurance Company and taught in health and happiness of our community.

Miss Sellman, the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Thomas Sellman, is one of our leading young civic workers in the community. She serves regularly in the drive for which she received the award, the March of Dimes and the Easter Seal drive of the Tuberculosis Association, and is a member of the Mt. Olive AME Church.

She comes from one of the oldest and largest families in An Arundel County.

FORMER RECIPIENTS of the Silver Beaver award who attended the Boy Scouts annual Council Meeting, included Walter Mills and Frank Butler, both of Annapolis.

Pace praised for service to boys

Dallas Pace, 106 Clay St., Boy Scouts held in the Shera-Annapolis, was presented the ton - Belvedere Hotel. Silver Beaver Award on Tues- More than 400 Scouts and day, at the annual banquet of friends saw Mr. Pace receive the Baltimore Area Council of the highest award that the Baltimore Council can bestow on an adult Scouter for outstanding and "distinguished service to boyhood."

Mr. Pace, a graduate of the University of Michigan, is a teacher in Anne Arundel County.

In addition to his work in scouting he is an active member of St. Phillips Episcopal Mission in Anne Arundel County.

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GALEN FROMME of radio station WBAL, read this citation on the presentation of Mr. Pace's award:

"The Boy Scouts of America honors itself as it honors this scholarly and deeply spiritual gentleman whose scouting career extends over 30 years, to the time that he too was a Scout, and embraces one of the finest records of Scoutmastership in the movement's history.

"In recognition of his eminence in the teaching profession, he was named among 40 outstanding science teachers in the nation to participate in a Science Institute at Princeton University in 1959.

"In the field of education, he is head of the Science Department at Bates High School in Annapolis and member of the advisory council of the Maryland State Teachers Association.

"In his church, he is superintendent of the church school and also parish treasurer.

"In scouting he serves as scoutmaster, a member of the Organization and Extension Committee, and an instructor for the Leadership Training Committee."

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COMMANDER Thomas J. Keane, executive commissioner for relationship of the Boy Scouts International Bureau, was the speaker for the dinner.

He complimented the Baltimore Area Council and their fine volunteers for the outstanding work that they have done in advancing the Boy Scout Program.

Also honored with the Silver Beaver Awards were:

James J. A. Geraghty, Baltimore, administrator for the Bricklayers and Masons Health and Welfare Fund; George S. Hanna of Motor Sales Co. of Bel Air; Alton V. Hare, Baltimore, general superintendent of L. S. Mitchell Co.; Matthew A. Keller, Baltimore, credit manager of the Equitable Trust Co.

Nicholas C. Mueller, Baltimore, president of Mueller International; the Rev. George E. Shank, Baltimore, assistant pastor of Catholic chaplain for the Boy Scouts; Alfred E. Sharp Jr., Glencoe, Sadish Mallina Co.; John A. Thoning, Baltimore, Armco Steel Co.

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