Top Award To Former AFRO Clean Block Leader

The man selected Thursday as Baltimore's "housing inspector of the month" traces his interest in housing inspection to his participation, when a boy living in the 1300 block N. Fremont, in the AFRO's Clean Block Campaigns.

Leonard R. Patterson, of 4110 Kathland Ave., was chosen by the Citizens' Planning and Housing Association, in cooperation with the Department of Housing and Community Development. He received a $25 bond at the CPHA Board meeting.

CPHA cited Mr. Patterson, an inspector in the Northwood area, for his intelligent interest in his native city of Baltimore, and his appreciation of the importance of his job in maintaining the desirable residential character of the neighborhoods he serves."

Referring to the AFRO Clean Block Campaigns he participated in, the CPHA report noted, "Neighborhood organizing appealed to him and he won a reputation for doing it well."

He has carried his inspectional work on Saturdays to his own neighborhood, Forest Park, where he has become instructor for inspectors in a self-help campaign of the New Area Association.

A 1957 graduate of Carver Vocational Technical High Schoolm he was urged by friends in the Community Acion Agency in 1969 to take a course which was part of the Concentrated Employment Program.

He received a year of training in housing inspection, along with courses in sociology, urban problems, mathematics and English at the Community College of Baltimore. Following six months as an inspection trainee, he became a full inspector in February.

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Mr. Patterson gives considerable credit for his interest in his job to the men who have supervised him. He mentions especially George Barrett and the late William Gardner, who he says "was a great inspration to me."

But George Barrett believes that Mr. Patterson makes a lot of his own help, constantly working at establishing a good relationship with the neighborhood.

He attends many meetings at night, spends considerable time talking to residents in an effort to get them to do work on their homes voluntarily. "It's much better than making them do the work," he says of this effort.

The CPHA citation stated, "In his year at this work his tact and persistance have been noted and appreciated by community leaders in Northwood and surrounding neighborhoods. . . We hope there are many more just like Leonard Patterson."

LEONARD R. PATTERSON

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Divorce free for the poor

Judge James A. Perrott, sitting in Circuit Court No. 2 on May 3, handed down an order which requires the state of Maryland to pay all court costs and costs of publication in divorce proceedings for indigent persons.

In other words persons who are proven indigent may obtain a divorce free of charge.

The precedent-setting decree came as the result of the request of Mrs. Mamie R. Joyner for a declaratory judgment as to the costs of her divorce.

Mrs. Joyner of the 800 block George St., filed for divorce from her husband, Joseph L. Joyner, in October, 1968.

She stated that she wanted to remarry but was unable to obtain a divorce because limited income prevented her from paying court costs, publication costs and other fees.

Publication was necessary since she could not locate her estranged husband.

Through Legal Aid attor-

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Boyfriend charged in coed's death

New facts have been brought to light on the murder of 15-year-old Cherry Hill Junior High School coed, Cynthia Marie Vaughn.

Jessie Barnes, a 17-year-old close "friend" of the girl, was charged with first degree murder Thursday afternoon in Central District courtroom. He is being held without bail pending action by the Grand Jury.

Barnes has been in custo-

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Del. Brailey, TJD set jail meet

Coming Tuesday, May 11 in the offices of Mayor Thomas D'Alesandro is the meeting he has called with Delegate Troy Brailey and Jail Board president Paul J. Reed.

The 11 a.m. session is the result of Del. Brailey's contining efforts to solve problems at City Jail and hopefully, as he says, to bring to an end the most critical phase by the firing Warden Hiram Schoonfield.

The legislator who is also a leading labor union official and champion of the rights of little citizens, wrote Mayor D'Alesandro after his invitational meeting with the Jail Board last week resulted in a clash with Schoonfield.

Mr. Brailey reports that he was subjected to unnecessary temper outbursts and discourtesies and the warden thus displayed his inability to hold the post.

Mr. Brailey further stated that he felt the conduct of the warden indicated, "What's wrong with the jail is you."

He revealed because of the outbursts he was forced to walk out of the meeting without accomplishing his mission, the review of inmates' complaints documented in their letters to him and obtained through his intensive investigation.

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In the meeting scheduled with the mayor, Mr. Brai-

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PROUD PARENTS are Retired Army Master Sergeant and Mrs. Robert H. Sewell of Hughesville, Md. who welcomed their first son, Robert H. Jr., on April wanted to contribute their "peace signs" to the margin. chers.

Conaway files for Comptroller

Frank M. Conaway is going to make a race of it. With the ranks of announced and potential candidates for Baltimore City offices narrowing daily, political insiders see September's primary election narrowing to one of two heated battles at the most.

Conaway, the freshman state delegate man from Baltimore City's Fourth Legislative District, is so far the only announced candidate for city comptroller.

At least two more candidates are expected to toss their hats into the ring before the July 1 filing deadline, among them Hyman Pressman, the Democrat who has held the post for the past eight years.

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With the race for the top two spots on the ticket, mayor and city council president still up in the air on the Democratic side — there are three major announced mayoralty candidates, City Solicitor George Russell, Council President

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DEL. FRANK CONWAY

NEW CHIEF JUDGE

Judge Sweeney sees justice

(See editorial on Page 4)

Robert F. Sweeney, chief judge of the new statewide District Court System, was sworn in by Gov. Mandel in Annapolis this week.

The District Court System of lower courts over which he presides will go into effect on July 5 and will have 78 jurists sitting in 12 districts that embrace the whole state.

Included are the 22 sitting judges in the present Municipal and Peoples Courts of Baltimore and Courts of Wicomico, Anne Arundel, Princes Georges and Montgomery Counties.

The currently sitting 36 jurists statewide include Baltimore's Municipal Court Judges Solomon Baylor, William Murphy and John Hargrove.

On Thursday Chief Judge Sweeney told the AFRO he hopes the addition in a few weeks of the 42 new judges will bring in representatives of all races and segments of the state's population. He states he will rotate all the jurists around the state when the system

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Mate tells court of wife's affair with the old man

Wilbert Elisha Parks, a gas station attendant testified in Circuit Court No. 2 recently that he can neither forgive nor condone an affair his wife had with the oil man.

As a consequence, he testified, he left his wife and filed for divorce the day after he discovered the two staying together in a house on Monument St. from 3 to 7 o'clock in the morning on Feb. 21.

Judge J. Gilbert Prendergast granted the divorce 66 days later on April 28 on grounds of adultery.

Mr. Parks testified he no longer purchases fuel from the oil man named "Bill."

Allen says Municipal Court assistant state's attorneys have helped speed justice

State's Attorney Milton Allen's office has released statistics showing the impact of full-time prosecutors in the Municipal Court in the first six months of operation of a federally funded grant to that office.

Data compiled by James J. Welsh, chief of the Municipal Court Division of the prosecutor's office show 5,636 cases kept out of the courts by prosecutor screening; 1,103 felony charges reduced for prosecuton in Municipal Court rather than Criminal Court and 2,477 charges dropped for lack of evidence or convictions in other offenses.

State's Attorney Allen comments that one of the goals of the program is to prevent legally insufficient cases from entering the system and clogging court dockets.

He notes that the 1,103 felony charges reduced for year, or the equivalent of two Criminal Courts, can mately 2,000 cases per year or the equivalent of be tried in the districts two Criminal Courts can be tried in the districts rather than Criminal Court.

He said that he has instructed his prosecutors to reduce charges only in cases in which the defendant is likely to receive the same sentence in the Municipal Court that he would receive in the Criminal Court.

"Of course" said Mr. Allen, "this does not prevent the defendant from appealing his case to the Criminal Court.

"This is one reason why I recommended that appeals from the new District Court

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'HE WENT BACK TO SLEEP'

Fire kills man in sleep after friends awaken him

Witnesses told police a 41-year-old man died in a fire Tuesday morning because he failed to heed their warnings and went back to sleep.

According to police reports, Thomas Mays a 53-year-old resident of 215 E. Lafayette Ave. was awakend by the smell of smoke Tuesday morning and then roused John Thomas, a 41-year-old resident and warned him of the danger.

"He went back to sleep," Mr. Mays told police. Mr. Thomas' body was discovered, still in bed after firemen brought the fire under control.

Police report the blaze which gutted the three-story row house where 10 persons resided, began in the first floor rear apartment of Miss Martha Banks.

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Miss Banks, 42, reported she was awakened by the smell of smoke around 4 a.m. She discovered sparks coming from the lamp beside the bed. The cloth on the lamp table caught fire and then the bed clothing began to burn," she said.

She declared that "after pouring two buckets of water on the fire and not putting it out," she went to Walter Banks, 73, who occupied the first floor front apartment.

Mr. Banks began to rouse the rest of the household. Meanwhile Officer J. H. Edmondi was making his routine rounds when he reported he saw smoke coming from the rear of the house.

The back porch was covered with yellowish flames and smoke was pouring from the rear window, he reported.

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Officer Edmondi said he attempted to enter the house but "intense flames and smoke on the stairway" barred his way. He turned in the alarm and was informed by Walter Malloy, 23, of the same address that someone was still upstairs."

The officer reported he "could see two people" (later identified as John Oakely and his wife Edith), standing at the window on the third floor. I told them to stay right there and that the Fire Department would be there any second.

The Oakleys were rescued by fire fighters. Mrs. Oakley was treated for a burn on her right leg. Mr. Oakley received medical attention for smoke inhalation. Both were released.

HOME BLAZE — A four-alarm fire swept through a three-story row house in the 200 block E. Lafayette Ave. Tuesday. Five occupants escaped injury in the blaze, which spread to the roofs of the three adjoining houses. Dead was Johnnie Thomas, 41, of the 400 block E. Chase St., a native of Dillon, S.C. Police report Friends aroused Thomas but he thought their cry of fire was a hoax.

5 in 5 Democratic Club in register-to-vote drive

The Five in Five Democratic Club, Inc. of the 5th District-Baltimore City, headed by Senator Clarence W. Blount, opened its voter registration campaign this week.

Pinkney A. Howell, President of the political club, has ascertained through a club survey that there are many non-registered voters in the 5th District.

It has been pointed out that residing within the 5th Councilmanic and legislative districts there are persons who have moved to the 5th from the 2nd and 4th districts but who have not changed their registration and are still voting in the districts from which they moved.

Mr. Howell plans to change this by properly registering the potential voters who reside within the 5th District.

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He further stated that to assure maximum black representation on the City Council, the 5th District can ill-afford black votes from residents of the 5th, going into the 2nd or 4th Districts where there is already a preponderance of blacks.

The 5th District, through redistricting, lost thousands of black voters.

The voter registration drive will emphasize: (1)

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Mayoralty primary election, Sept. 14, 1971.
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Mayoralty general election, Nov. 2, 1971.
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Where to register: Supervisors of Elections, People's Court Building, Fayette and Gay Sts.
Remember, 18-year-olds can register to vote NOW too.

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HIGH FASHIONS highlighted the "Schaefer Show of Stars," the annual extravanganza sponsored by the Provident Hospital Auxiliary, in the Civic Center, Sunday. Models included, from left, Miss Stephanie Clark, "Miss Black America '70"; Travis Winkle, Miss Yolande Griffin of New York City, "Lady Schaefer"; and Miss Andrea Blair, Baltimore model.

ADDED TO the fun of viewing fashions was that of winning prizes at the Schaefer Show of Stars, Sunday. In top photo, Mrs. Estella Cavanaugh receives door prize from Russ Powell. In lower photo, Mrs. Alice King, left, of the Provident Hospital Auxiliary, which sponsors the show, chats with Mrs. Martha Holmes, Mrs. Jessie Thompson and Mrs. Vivian Scott.

Gadabouting in Baltimore

Tribute to Bettye Moss to be 'Evening of Elegance'

with Lula Mackay

The WO-BE-CO's (Women Behind the Community), who will pay tribute to Mrs. Elizabeth Murphy Moss on May 16th, have designed their black-tie affair to be an "Evening of Elegance," member s said, this week.

They are still inviting townsfolk to join with them in their salute to Mrs. Moss, who is being cited for her civic sensitivity, at the Hunt Valley Inn in Cockeysville.

In addition to the tribute to Mrs. Moss, the black-tie affair, will benefit the journalism scholarship which the group is establishing. The dinner will be preceded by a cocktail hour at 6 p.m. and followed by a program at 8 p.m. Mrs. Cardrienne Griffin, 3700 Winterbourne Rd., president of the club, is receiving reservations.

Hostesses will be Mesdames Regina Bernard, Eugenia Britt, Joan Case, Vera Dorsey, Marie Francis, Sarah Giles, Sylvia Grace, Mrs. Griffin, Carolyn Holmes, Gwendolyn Howard, Barbara Padgett, Mary Robinson, June Ross, Marion Scarborough, Essie Sutton, Shirley Swafford and Carolyn Willis.

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Coming up, too, on Saturday, is the annual spring dance of the Baltimore Chapter of Lais Amigas (a civic and social group) at the Union Workers Hall, Dundalk.

Proceeds from the affair will support the Baltimore unit's scholarship fund, which is currently aiding three students, one each at Morgan State College, Coppin State College and the Community College of Baltimore.

Hostesses will include Peggy Cooper, Shirley Drew, Audrey Randell, Princess Tyler, Janie McClellan, Carole Ball, Lois Joynes, Doris Newton, Pearl Vanders, Geraldine Nicholas, Veloa Scott, E. Delores Street, Iris Warren and Joyce Page.

Sherman Lewis will provide the music.

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In a unique ceremony in the home of Mrs. Saul Perdue, this week, the Hampton Pals, a group of friends who attended the Virginia Infitute, inducted four members.

The neophytes are the first accepted in the club since its organization 35 years ago. The club is also unique in that it has had the same president, Mrs. Venice Wynn, since organization.

The Hampton colors, blue and white, were carried out in the setting and table decor for the affair. The meeting was set for two hours, but the hostess saw her last guest out four hours after they had arrived.

The new members, all young women, are Phyllis Thompson, Vera Taylor, Mary Johnson and Irma Meacham.

Dr. Saul Perdue greeted the new members and talked on "Today's Hampton." Each member received a friendship book.

Hampton Pals attending included:

Mrs. Wynn, Thelma Rice, secretary; Pattie Page, treasurer; Mae Parrott, Malissa Perdue, Lois Carter, Catherine Adams, E. Estelle Thomas of Hampton, Ivora K. Gibson,

Phyllis Tilley, Catherine Royston, Zella Washington, Gwendolyn Roper, Marian Overton of Philadelphia.

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PIN- POSIE on those Virginia Silhouettes (wives of the men of Kappa Alpha Psi Fraternity) who organized just two months prior to the annual meeting of the Eastern Regional Council in Petersburg, on the weekend of the 23rd, provided entertainment that rated top drawer.

They held forth at Holiday, Downtown, in Petersburg, and provided a gala hospitality hour Friday evening to put the convention in proper focus.

The Silhouettes' session began at 10:30 Saturday morning, when a business meeting was called to order by Susie R. Verdell, president of the Petersburg chapter. Speaker was Marion Overton, of Philadelphia, national president. Under her guidance, the group voted to back the Fraternity Guide Right Program.

A luncheon and fashion show sparked the afternoon. Beauty note was the singing of Iris McKee, who was accompanied by Carolyn Saxon. Members of the group modeled elegant clothes from the 3-V's shop in Washington . . . along with Elaine Brookins and Deborah Giles, students at State Delegate Troy Brailey and City Councilwoman Victorine Adams.

The auxiliary which itself is one of the most fashionable groups around will benefit from this free wheeling fashion show fund raising event for its work in the hospital. Mrs. Beatrice Avery is president and Mrs. Willia Bland is program director.

Cherry Hill resident wins scholarship

Miss Patricia Vaughan, a sophomore at Mount Providence Junior College, has received a Ford Foundation Scholarship to enable her to continue her education at a senior college after graduation from Mount Providence in May.

Miss Vaughan, a graduate of Western High School, was nominated by the college to receive the special partial award established by the Ford Foundation for minority group graduates of two-year colleges.

Miss Vaughan is a native of Baltimore and lives in the Cherry Hill community. She would like to attend a senior college outside the Baltimore area and has been accepted at Carlow College in Pittsburgh, Pa. and Regis College in Weston, Mass.

Miss Vaughan was extremely happy to receive the scholarship and feels that it is a major factor in continuing her study.

Two other Mount Providence students received honorable mention by the Ford Foundation. They were Mary Brown, a native of Princess Anne and Maudlyn Lewis, a native of St. Thomas, Virgin Islands.

MISS PATRICIA VAUGHN

Virginia State College. on Saturday night heard Doris Tarter of Baltimore,

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Provident Auxiliary scores with top fashion offering

By WILLIA BLAND

All the fashion you've ever wanted was on display at the Civic Center on Sunday, when the Provident Hospital Auxiliary presented its Annual Fashion Show Extravaganza.

This yearly fashion statement is presented in collaboration with the Community Services Division of the Schaefer Brewing Company of Baltimore.

Miss Gloria Thomas, area director of Schaefer's Community Relations of New York and coordinator of the show aims to please everyone and there was something for all including the Bobby Felder Orchestra of Washington, D. C., the exciting Lou Parks Dancers, a carnival fashion scene that featured a horse and mule (live), singers Al Hibbler and Ruth Brown and an antique car filled with elegant beauties dressed in cocktail and evening clothes. To evoke the mood of yesteryear, necessary with many of the 30's and 40's clothes, a hazy smoke screen effect, created by a smoke machine, was built into some of the latter scenes.

The fashion story seemed to be pants — more accurately, hot pants which showed up as sport shorts, town pants, office pants, dance pants and were very much in evidence in the sleekly dressed audience. They were dolled up in velvet and satin, tricked up with patches, ribbons and sequins, some with short skirts, some with long skirts and those with no skirts. The collection very often was stridently female, clinging and bursting with bright bold colors. The midi dress, which was on the rise seems to have finally met its demise in the face of such sudden, vibrant competition and was not seen as much as in prior shows.

To the glorious national and international fashion names that have lingered over the decades, Baltimore added two of its own in Rodney Moulton of the House of Ra-Akbar and Jacqueline Britton. Rodney, a really big fashion item at the moment, dreamed up all sorts of marvelous creations for the two local models, Andrea Bland, representing the Provident Auxiliary and Dorothy Hudson "Miss Aerosol International," both products of Flair Studio, charm and finishing school.

Most memorable items were a rag dress for cocktails in varying lengths and all colors of suede and leather riveted together with brass nailheads and eyelets, double breasted, the middle all out with brass chains connecting the bodice and uneven hemmed skirt and a gown of starched lace squares, yoked and hemmed with white crushed silk, with yards of white fringes falling from waist to hem.

Jacqueline Britton's starkly dramatic late evening ensemble of black wet look sheath, hand smocked at the hem with rhinestone ribbon straps was topped with a narrow cape, smocked at the shoulders, an occasional rhinestone placed in the lining. Worn with some of the most exciting ensembles in the show were oversized cartwheel hats and other delectables created by Nell Sheridan of the Pauline Brooks Boutique.

Other local boutiques included Merryman Lane by Gwendolyn Hooks, Mel's Ladies Wear of Mondawmin and Franklin Simon-Mondawmin.

City Solicitor George Russell, chairman of the Board of Trustees of the hospital, made opening remarks to the capacity audience. He was joined on the stage during intermission by State's Attorney Milton Allen, State Senator Clarence Mitchell III, State Senator Verda Welcome,