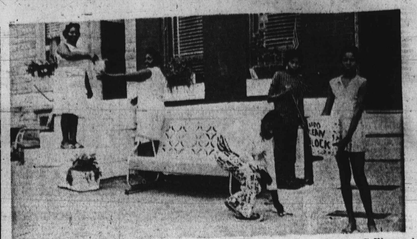
38th Afro-American Clean Block Campaign

Inspections Coming Up! Prize Fund- $4,714.50

2100 E. PRESTON ST.—This Clean Block has Linda Fitzgerald, Captain; Sharon Young, Co-Captain; Mrs. R. A. Huggins, Advisor.



1700 E. PRESTON ST. — Robin Stokes is Captain; Tonya Williams, Co-Captain; Mrs. Sarah Collison, Advisor.

LEADERS in AFRO Jamboree Contest. They are Reginald Everett, Crystal McDonald, Stephannie Smith, Patricia Barr, Cynthia Green, Jeffery Holman, Aquila Quarles, Connie Brirdges, Curtis Byrd, Renee Lewis and Paula Fitzgerald.

Clean Block Highlights!

By IDA MURPHY PETERS

CORRECTION

Sorry about that! In Tuesday's AFRO the picture caption should have read: 2000 Blk. Ellsworth, Vanessa Rogers; 2200 Blk. E. Biddle, Lynda Price; and 1600 Blk. Calhoun, Reginald Everett.

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MEETING

Today (Friday) Clean Block Captains, Co-Captains and Advisors are meeting in McCulloh Homes Auditorium, 1100 McCulloh St. at 10 a.m.

Mayor William Donald Schaefer and Mrs. Marguerite Campbell will be special guests along with Oriole star, Paul Blair.

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LAST CHANCE

You must register your block at the Clean Block Office, 628 N. Eutaw St. today before 5 p.m. to be eligible to win some of the cash donated to the AFRO Prize Fund.

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INSPECTIONS

We will be visiting each and every one of our Clean Blocks looking for candidates for Honor Flags. We will award eight more honor flags.

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BLOCK TOUR

Visited the 1100 Blk. Shields Place. Clean Block Director Mrs. Irma Widgeon talked with Mrs. Estelle Thornton.

The neighbors and their children are still enthusiastic about becoming a part of the Clean Block Campaign. Everybody is pitching in to sweep, wash and paint.

Main complaint are huckasters who use their street to form a wagon train and gallop through the street causing dust, endangering children and shaking the homes.

Landlords please give Clean Blockers a hand by cleaning up your bulk trash and boarding broken windows.

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Visited the 1600 Blk. of Earectson Place. Harriett Jones, captain, and her workers are hard at work painting, sweeping and cleaning steps. They have green flower boxes and have painted their tables and chairs red and black.

Help is needed to remove a gas stove in the rear of 1602 and bulk trash in the rear of 1617.

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Bertha Cornish, captain, introduced us around the 2000 Blk. E. Fayette. Her good neighbors are helping to keep things spic and span. They have green freshly painted window boxes on white window sills with beautiful flowers. They have worked just as hard to get their yards and alleys clean.

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Things were looking "good" on Washington St. In the 1600 Blk. Barbara Davis, captain, told us how the adults have pitched in to help the children "get it right" for the big prize.

People like Fred Holloway built window boxes for neighbors who were unable to get their own. Mrs. Ruth Holloway spends extra time in her block giving support and sharing ideas.

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In the 1700 Blk. of Washington St. met the lovely mother of AFRO artist, Thomas Stockett, Mrs. Lillie Stockett. This is a beautiful block, and everyone takes care of his property.

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NATIONAL GUARD

Orchids to Sgt. Clyde Miles and Sgt. Ronald Anderson, members of Maryland National Guard, Co. C, 103rd Eng. Bn, 28th Division, Winchester Armory, headed by Capt. Rodney Evans.

This week the AFRO purchased 100 gallons of white paint with funds donated to the AFRO Prize Fund.

The guard has always helped us with our Mrs. Santa distribution ... and they came to our aid on a moments notice. Paint is now available in the Clean Block office.

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WECLOME NEW BLOCKS

4819 Poe Ave., Shirley Brown, captain; Vaxie Sutton, co-captain; Mrs. Frances Minter, advisor.

Workers: Anthony Hice, Anthony Roberts, Gregory Pajardo, Melvin Boyd, Eddie Roberts, Robert Smith, Val Stinson, Emma Pajardo, Alfred Tulland, Byran Smith, Daind Hudson.

Problems: Need more police on foot, lawn needs fixing, Building Inspectors need to visit.

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1931 Mosher Street, Tyrone Brinkley, captain; Barbara Wilkins, co-captain; Mrs. Thelma Vowels, advisor.

Workers: Davis Jefferson and family, Catherine Brinkley and family, Necie Ross, Orene William, Betty Conway, Lone H. Ross, Edith Weirs, Darryl, Clarence Kennedy, Susie Wilins, Bethoria Martin, Wilma Jones, Mack C. Jones and Family, Betty Turner, Thelma Vowels, Wanda Vowels, Connetta Brinkley, Barbara Wilkins, James Jefferson, Reva Brinkley, Kimberly Brinkley, Stanford Brinkley, Robin Vowels.

1926 E. Eager Street, Fred Evans, captain; Mrs. Irene Hallet, advisor.

Workers: Mary Hackney, Mrs. Hazel, Mrs. Shirley, Mrs. Kane, Mrs. Margaret Jones, Mr. Rose, Mr. Jesse, Mrs. Ruth King, Mr. Charles Edder, Manie Richarson, Leroy Tripley, William Halmet, Sarah Thompson.

AFRO Clean Block Prize Fund

PRIZE FUND NOW
$4,714.50

CONTRIBUTIONS TO DATE ARE:

$2,500
William G. Sykes, Model Cities

$1,000
Philip C. Brown, Pre-Birth Clinic

$100
M. Goldseker Inc. Winner Distributing (Budweiser)
C and P Telephone

$50
Baltimore Alumnae Chapter of Delta Sigma Theta Sorority, Inc.
Baltimore Gas and Electric Co.
Continental Society of Baltimore, Mrs. LaFrance Muldrow, President

$38.00
Elinor Dimmy

$30.00
Houseware Outlet

$25.00
Mrs. Victorine Q. Adams
Time Realty Company
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H. E. Koontz Creamery
V.A.G.'s
Louis Singer
Diplomat Shops, Inc.
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Joseph E. Seagram and Sons, Inc.
For-Win-Ash Garden Club
Women's Civic League

$20.00
Freight Drivers and Helpers Union No. 557

$15.00
Dr. and Mrs. Henry C. Welcome
Baltimore City Public Schools, Edward Z. Watson, Act. Administrative Assistant
Mrs. Emerson C. Walden

$12.50
Atty. Dehaven L. Smith

$10.00
Mrs. Ellen Fisher
Emmanuel CC Church
Beta Sigma Tau Fraternity
Blanche Northern and Beatrice Johnson, 2525 Reisterstown Road
Martin D. Jenkins
The V.A.G.'s
L. Thompson and Family
G. H. Hobbs
G. James Fleming
Judge Joseph C. Howard
Dr. Maurice Adams
Sidney Hollander
Mrs. Marion C. Winborne
Goetze's Caramel Creams
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Iota Phi Lambda Sorority, Inc.
Charles Mullenberg
Md. Crime Commission
Ellihu Q. Norris
Atlantic Photo Supply
Mrs. Charlotte B. Swan

$5.00
Mrs. Valerie Fowlkes
Mr. and Mrs. Sidney Daniels
Mr. and Mrs. Arthur R. Brooks
Mr. Gregor
Mrs. Elvera Richardson
Md. Soft Drink Association
Dr. John H. Holmes III
Green Spring Dairy
Frolic Cafe
Mr. Rwsmach Gregor
Elroy O. Wilson
Larry Young
Thelma E. Kelly
M and M Realty Co.

$3.00
Reese Sloan
Daniel Spriggs
Rose Glickstein
Michael Robinson

$2.00
Mrs. Beatrice Snowden
Mrs. Adah K. Jenkins

$1.00
Sgt. Edward J. Williams

Going on vacation?

When going on vacation carry reserve supplies of prescription drugs.

When you need medical help in a strange town call the nearest hospital, look in the yellow pages or ask the police.

Read labels carefully when using a pesticide or an insecticide. Make sure it is specific for the insect or insects you want to use it on. Follow the precautions listed on the label.

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Check with your insurance agent before driving off on that interstate vacation. Auto financial responsibility varies from state to state. Insurance authorities say you'll meet the financial responsibility law in every state if you carry 20/40 auto liability insurance.

This pays up to $20,000 for each person who is injured, and maximum of $40,000 for all persons injured in one accident.

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Ointments, wet compresses and soothing lotions are items helpful in treating sunburn. A bland-cold cream or lightweight mineral oil may be applied, say health educators at the American Medical Association.

They add this word of caution about commercial sunburn medications: "These products contain ingredients which, are intended to reduce pain, but which can cause allergic skin reactions in susceptible individuals.

"If the pain is excessive or if extensive blistering is present, see a doctor."

100 CLEAN BLOCK JAMBOREE VOTES 100

Name

Address

Bring or Mail Vote to the CLEAN BLOCK CLUBS Afro-American 628 N. Eutaw St. Baltimore, Md., 21201

CONTEST STANDINGS

Win Stereo-Portable TV

Reginald Everett 1600 Blk. N. Calhoun	11,700
Connie Bridges 1900 Blk. W. Mosher	9,500
Renee Lewis 1800 Etting	7,200
Crystal McDonald 2500 Blk. Salem	6,500
Aquila Quarles 1600 Blk. N. Payson	5,600
David Robertson 1100 Blk. E. Fayette	4,500
Stephanie Smith 900 Blk. Ellicott	4,400
Curtis Byrd 1800 Blk. Braddish	3,500
Jeffery Holman 500 Blk. N. Fulton	3,000
Paula Fitzgerald 2100 Blk. E. Preston	2,200
Patricia Barr 300 Blk. E. 21st	2,000
Cynthia Greene 2700 Blk. Baker	2,000
Gordon Johns 1000 Blk. Brantley	2,000
Francine Ryce 2200 Blk. Mt. Royal	1,300
Wanda Ellis 1500 Blk. N. Stricker	900
Susie Johnson 2100 Blk. E. Preston	800
Charles Dorsey 1200 Blk. H Court	700
Wanda Johnson 1300 Blk. N. Chester	700
Tommy Burrels 2314 Etting	600
Deborah Gladder 1600 Blk. Appleton	600
Mrs. Ida Bennett 900 Blk. N. Rose	500
Karen Blake 400 Blk. E. 22nd	500
Yvonne Fisher 2000 Blk. E. Hoffman	500

2nd Prize- $100 Bond
3rd Prize—Portable TV Set
4th Prize—Boys' or Girls' Bicycle
5th Prize—Casette Tape Recorder
6th Prizes — 10 Transistor Radios.

Here are the contest rules:

1. You must be a member of the Clean Block Campaign.
2. The AFRO Clean Block Jamboree starts July 1st and ends week ending September 2nd.
3. The contest is open to all boys and girls who are members of the Clean Block Campaign.
4. The Clean Blockers with the most votes will be the top winners.
5. Any qualified member may enter this contest with 5 or more coupons from the Tuesday and Friday AFRO.
6. The voting coupon will be found on page 2 worth 100 votes. It takes 500 votes to enter.
7. AFRO employees or their immediate families are not eligible to win in this contest.
8. Contestants agree that their names and photos be used for publicity.
9. Interpretation of these rules shall be left with the AFRO-AMERICAN.
10. Send in or bring your votes to the AFRO office, 628 N. Eutaw Street, Baltimore, Md. 21201.

There will also be three ways of obtaining Bonus Votes.

1. By turning in the name and address of a boy or girl 11 yrs. old or older who will become an AFRO carrier (Newsboy) entitles you to 1,000 bonus votes.
2. Names and addresses of 10 new customers who will receive home delivery of the AFRO each Tuesday and Friday—1,000 bonus votes.
3. 5 months for $6.00 subscription of the AFRO's Tuesday and Friday edition—1,000 bonus votes (sell subscription, 5 months for $6 and receive 1,000 bonus votes).

The Clean Block Jamboree Contest to name the "Clean Block Champ of the City," is open.

Any boy or girl who is a member of the Clean Block Campaign, can enter the contest.

Winners in the contest will be determined by the number of coupons sent in. A coupon worth 100 votes will run in the AFRO every Tuesday and Friday beginning this week and ending with the issue of September 2nd.

There will be 10 prizes awarded:

1st Prize—Stereo Record Player

MEETINGS

EVERY FRIDAY—10 a.m.

McCulloh Homes Auditorium
1100 Druid Hill Avenue

CLEAN BLOCK DIRECTOR, MRS. IRMA WIDGEON

MRS. IDA MURPHY PETERS, AFRO Public Relations Director

CALL 728-8200

Emergency Numbers

AFRO CLEAN BLOCK.....728-8200
POLICE-COMMUNITY RELATIONS
MU. 5-1600, Ext. 216

SANITATION ... PL. 2-2000, Ext. 451-452
LEONARD FOLIO
Adopt-A-Tree—Mr. Buckema, 889-6900
Dept. of Consumer Services
JOHN CAPRIO—539-5151

For these City services, call the new "HOT LINE" number of the Customer Service Division of Public Works; 539-5151

Abandoned Vehicles
Bulk Trash Pickup
Clogged Sewers
Dead or Sick Animal Removal
Dirty Alleys
Dirty Yards
Garbage Collection
Muddy Water
Sanitary Enforcement
Sewage Line Problems
Street Lights
Street Repair
Water Leaks

To reach these Baltimore City agencies and services, ask for the indicated extensions of the City Hall number:

Free trailer travel asked

WASHINGTON (UPI) — Housing Secretary George Romney asked 31 governors today to relax their state highway laws so that government-purchased mobile homes can be delivered quicker to East coast victims of Hurricane Agnes.

Between 10,000 and 15,000 house trailers bought by the Department of Housing and Urban Development as emergency housing for flood victims will be heading toward the Atlantic Seaboard in the next three months, the department said.

Romney asked the governors in a telegram to waive traffic restrictions so that trailers can roll without waiting for special permits, escort vehicles and the proper hours.

Free trash containers

AFRO Clean Blockers will have a heavy trash container delivered to their block, FREE, when they register in the 1972 campaign Use Clean Block coupon in this issue. Send Captain and Advisor to Clean Block Meeting, Friday Aug. 11 10 a.m., McCulloh Homes Auditorium, 1100 Druid Hill Avenue.

Jabbar studies at Harvard

Kareem Abdul-Jabbar of the Milwaukee Bucks has been spending the off-season studying at Harvard University, Cambridge, Mass.

1300 E. CHESTER ST.—Wanda Johnson is Captain; Joyce McCown, Co-Captain; and Mrs. Willie Bea Eadson, Advisor.

Fellow Publishers, Congressmen, Citizens Greet Us

Publishers salute AFRO on its 80th birthday

Chicago Defender:

I am delighted to have the opportunity to extend best wishes to the Baltimore AFRO-AMERICAN on the 80th year of its founding.

This is a great newspaper which has clung steadfastly to those irreplaceable traditions long established by its founder, namely an unflagging crusade for freedom, equal opportunity and equal justice before the law.

By insisting on the application of the principles that protect and advance fundamental human rights, the AFRO has helped to chart the course that the present generation of black leaders are pursuing with such vigor and dedication.

The AFRO-AMERICAN has exposed with unusual clarity and consistency the dismaying contradiction inherent in the paradox of absolute and abject poverty in the midst of unparalleled riches.

It is under this impetus and AFRO's commitment to the democratic process that a high tide of change is rolling across America today.

In the scale of human values, there are no decent alternatives to social justice. The persistent struggle to achieve such an end fully sustains the conviction and the rationale that Black America has no greater friend than the black press. — John H. Sengstacke, publisher and editor, Chicago Daily Defender and Subsidiary Sengstacke Publications

Wilmington Journal:

It is a real pleasure and privilege to wish our friends and contemporaries at the AFRO felicitations on the occasion of eight decades of publishing a first-rate newspaper.

I have read the AFRO since a child. Always, I have admired its manner in printing all the news without fear or favor and for working for the best interest of the most of the people and not for the privileged few.

In this way, it has kept faith with the credo of its founder, the late John H. Murphy Sr., who begged his children to always be politically free and to never put anything ahead of the good of the little man. That, too, is the cherished policy of our newspaper.

As Mr. Murphy stated, buildings and other material things mean nothing as compared with human beings and their rights. And, that has been the greatness of the AFRO and other black jounrals who have placed this policy ahead of all other considerations.

The wonderful thing is that Mr. Murphy did a good job in instilling this credo in the minds of his successors.

The late Dr. Carl Murphy, with whom I had the pleasure of working in the National Newspaper Publishers Association, to me, was a newspaperman's newspaperman.

He was the giant during his era in the field. He was thorough, and I admired him very much. It is good to note that the present generation of Murphys is carrying on admirably.

Keep true to the ideals of your forebears, and we believe the AFRO will be here to celebrate its second 80th birthday of service of not only to Baltimore but to the entire nation as well as the world.

Again, best wishes and happy birthday. T. C. Jervay Sr., editor and publisher, Wilmington (NC) Journal

Cleveland Call Post:

Congratulations on your 80th birthday.

During these pioneering years, you have held high all of Freedom's Flame. Your service to the communities you cover, has added zest to their growth and the development of better racial understanding racially and interracially.

Continue the crusading of those hardy pioneers who sired your distinguished family. Respectfully, The Call-Post, William O. Walker, publisher.

St. Louis Sentinel:

Congratulations on your 80th birthday.

On behalf of the Journal and Guide, and, all of its employees, I wish to extend heartiest congratulations and best wishes on your 80th birthday.

I am sure this is a most significant and memorable occasion for you.

Your relentless fight to achieve for the people of Baltimore equality of opportunity and the full rights of citizenship, to strike from them the shackles of economic slavery, certainly extends beyond the borders of Baltimore and Maryland.

For eight decades, with effectiveness, you have fought for the conquest of the diseases of the heart and the human spirit of a disadvantaged people throughout America, and the world.

I am sure this noble cause for many years has been, and, still is, perhaps your greatest challenge. Certainly, you have met this challenge with unparalled success. Yes, America is richer because the AFRO lives.

Again, congratulations and may the years that lie ahead be yours in health and dedication which have provided the millions of readers with excellent and fair coverage during these eight decades. Eloise Hardison Banks, (publisher/editor.

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Again, congratulations and may the years that lie ahead be yours in health and dedication which have provided the members of your staff, the complete fulfillment of all your dreams and aspirations. John T. Belden, President, Journal and Guide, Norfolk, Va.

Arizona Tribune:

The Arizona Tribune joins the long roll of allied newspapers representing the black owned and published publications, who congratulate the AFRO-AMERICAN newspapers for its 80th year of outstanding achievements.

We proudly salute the leadership and dedication which have provided the millions of readers with excellent and fair coverage during these eight decades. Eloise Hardison Banks, (publisher/editor.

Congress of the United States House of Representatives Washington, D.C. 20515

July 26, 1972

Mrs. Frances Murphy
Chairman
Board of Directors
Afro-American Newspapers
628 North Eutaw Street
Baltimore, Maryland 21

Dear Mrs. Murphy:

"The Afro-American Newspaper has been an inspirational source of leadership for Black people for eight decades. No one will ever be able to calculate the contributions you have made to the development of Black pride, Black identity, Black awareness, and the struggle for full emancipation.

"You have matched by deeds the words of W. E. B. Dubois found in a part of the manifesto of the Niagara movement. "Of these grievances we do not hesitate to complain, and to complain loudly and insistently. To ignore, overlook or apologize for these wrongs is to prove ourselves unworthy of freedom. Persistent manly agitation is the way to liberty..."

"The Afro-American Newspaper has and continues to pave the way to liberty for Black Americans.

Please accept my thanks and gratitude on the occasion of the 80th birthday of the Afro-American newspaper.

Yours in the struggle for freedom,

Parren J. Mitchell

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MD. CONGRESSMAN — Parren J. Mitchell (D.-7th), sends AFRO birthday hellos. He is first black U.S. Congressman in history of state.

Congressmen send their best wishes to AFRO

Cong. Stokes:

On the occasion of the 80th Anniversary of the Baltimore AFRO-AMERICAN, I wish to join your many supporters in saying, "Congratulations."

The Baltimore AFRO-AMERICAN maintains a proud and prominent place in the history of American journalism.

Your adherence over the years to the highest journalistic ethics — veracity, integrity and responsibility — place you among the nation's foremost newspapers, black or white.

I also wish to commend the AFRO-AMERICAN for its continuing and comprehensive coverage of national, as well as local, news stories. Black people all over this country owe you a debt of thanks.

With heartiest congratulations and wishes for a successful future, I remain LOUIS STOKES, Member of Congress, (D-Ohio)

Cong. Garmatz:

The observance of an 80th birthday — whether it is that of an individual, a community organization or a business — is an occasion worth commenting upon.

In extending a birthday greeting to the AFRO-AMERICAN Newspapers, I would like to say that this paper, in addition to being a business, has served as an effective community organization which has always reflected the high ideals of its founder, John H. Murphy Sr.

Mr. Murphy, in the highest traditions of the journalism profession, put the stamp of his individuality upon this newspaper, which for 80 years has informed the people of Baltimore and protected their rights and interests.

Congratulations to the AFRO-AMERICAN Newspapers for its 80 years of service, and I hope it will continue to provide the same kind of outstanding service to the future generations of Baltimoreans. — EDWARD A. GARMATZ (Member House of Representative 3rd. Md.)

Dr. Elkins:

Congratulations on your 80th anniversary. The AFRO-AMERICAN has well served the people of Maryland and the surrounding area.

I am confident you will continue your vital role for many years to come. Again, I express my best wishes on behalf of the University of Maryland.

WILSON H. ELKINS (president)

Cong. Nix:

It is with sincere pleasure I hasten to send my heartiest congratulations, on its eightieth birthday, to a journalistic enterprise that has become uniquely distinguished and recognized in many communities for its dedication to service and leadership.

By perseverance in the exceptionally competitive field of news publishing, your dedicated staff produces a quality product that is both an inspiration and an unimpeachable source of news. As long as such progressive publications exist, we can all have a greater faith in the preservation of our liberties and the security of the future. — ROBERT N. C. NIX, Member of Congress. (D-Pa.)

Rabbi Shusterman:— 'unbroken relationship'

It is good to extend greetings to the AFRO-AMERICAN on her 80th birthday. It is no small achievement to remain alive for eight decades and to be able to recall years of service to the community.

As president of the Baltimore Board of Rabbis and as a clergyman in the community for thirty of these years, I have had an unbroken relationship with your newspaper.

I extend warmest good wishes on your attainment of this birthday and even warmer wishes for a fruitful and rewarding future. — Dr. ABRAHAM SHUSTERMAN (Rabbi Emeritus of Har Sinai Congregation President Baltimore Board o (Rabbis)

Bishop Gossman hails AFRO on its birthday

May I offer to you, to the Board of Directors and to the entire staff and readership of the Baltimore AFRO-AMERICAN my best wishes and congratulations as your paper completes 80 years of service to the Baltimore Community.

We live in a time when the need for communication and information is great. May the Baltimore AFRO-AMERICAN continue to meet this need with commitment and with integrity.

Congratulations and best wishes to all. Rev. F. JOSEPH GOSSMAN (auxiliary Bishop, Catholic Archdiocese of Baltimore).

5 In 5 Club:

The Five-in-Five Democratic Club is very proud to have this opportunity to congratulate the Baltimore AFRO-AMERICAN for 80 years of outstanding service to the Baltimore community.

We believe that our future will always be bright knowing that institutions such as yours will always be there to lead the way. Happy Birthday! — RICHARD J. BROWN, president, CLARENCE W. BLOUNT, Chairman of the Board.

AFRO has been 'beacon light,' Dr. Somerville

The officials of the Lott Carey Baptist Foreign Mission Convention join your numerous friends in felicitating you on the occasion of your eightieth natal day.

Through the years the AFRO has been a beacon ... sage of hope, vision an unyielding pride of a people whose heads are bloody, but unbowed.

May the Eternal God give you and your selfless staff guidance and sustenance as you begin a new decade.

WENDELL C. SOMMERVILLE
Executive Sec. - Treasurer

Gov. Mandel compliments AFRO for its 'outstanding service'

It is with genuine pleasure that I extend greetings and congratulations to the Baltimore AFRO-AMERICAN on its 80th Anniversary.

The AFRO-AMERICAN is to be commended for its outstanding service to the entire Baltimore community, and for the vital information and reading pleasure it has given its readers during the past decades.

As you celebrate this milestone, I would like to add my best wishes to those of your many readers for your continued success in the coming years. — MARVIN MANDEL (Governor of Md.)

NAACP's Wilkins praises AFRO for 'militant defense'

Dear AFRO: A respectable, responsible and venerable black publication has reached its 80th birthday at a time when many such periodicals are having to reaccess their roles in supplying news about Negro to the Negro community.

The Baltimore AFRO-AMERICAN always has enjoyed a nationwide reputation for militant defense of black people.

A tribute is due to the publishers, editors and staff of the AFRO-AMERICAN for the dedication they give to publishing a journal that takes seriously its responsibility to give its readers the best editing and reporting job possible.

It is with admiration and respect that we of the NAACP say "Happy Birthday" to a comrade in the continued fight for full equality for all Americans.

It is with deep sincerity that we wish one of our finer publications a future filled with rapid growth and expanded service to the Negro and to the nation generally.—ROY WILKINS, Executive Director, NAACP, N.Y.)

Unrelenting and informative, says Dave Glenn

Warmest congratulations to the AFRO-AMERICAN for eighty years of dedicated service and faithful reporting to the black community.

Over the years, the AFRO has been a primary source of information about the pain and discrimination, as well as the joys and successes experienced by black people all over the world, especially in Baltimore.

The AFRO's unrelenting campaign against injustice and corruption has helped greatly to improve the quality of life for the black people of Baltimore.

We have still, however, a long way to go — and as the AFRO continues to persevere, we wish it well. — DAVID L. GLENN, Director, Baltimore Community Relations Commission

McKeldin hails our leadership

In this country of fads and passing fancies, eighty years is a long time to sustain the health of a newspaper and maintain the public's interest. But the Baltimore AFRO-AMERICAN has not only survived the years; it has succeeded as a journalistic enterprise.

During its eight decades, the AFRO-AMERICAN has become a dynamic, vigorous newspaper, an essential part of the Baltimore community.

It has succeeded because it has successfully performed the functions of a newspaper — offering its readers and city both leadership and service.

And it has succeeded because the AFRO-AMERICAN has distinguished itself by fighting hard and well for the noble principles of its founder, John H. Murphy Sr. — the commitment to brotherhood and justice.

Such ideals have made the AFRO-AMERICAN young in spirit and well-equipped for the future.

I am pleased to join with the thousands of friends of the AFRO-AMERICAN in wishing the newspaper much continued success and service. — THEODORE R. McKELDIN, Mayor of Baltimore 1943-47; 1963-67; and Governor of Maryland, 1951-59

Elected officials add their congratulations

Sen. Blount:

As a senator representing the 5th Legislative District of Baltimore, it gives me great pleasure to wish you — "Happy Birthday."

Like all members of the black community, I share with pride your eight decades of leadership and service to the community of Baltimore.

It is apparent to me as it was to the founder of the AFRO, Mr. John H. Murphy Sr., that this organ of the black community was necessary — and it now as relevant as it was 80 years ago.

I shudder to reflect the consequences upon this community, had there never been the AFRO-AMERICAN Newspapers. You have kept the faith with the common people and have fought the causes of a community which without your forceful role would still be in the doldrums.

Believe me — it is more than ever important now that you continue and rededicate yourself to the task you have so nobly advanced during these 80 years.

I have but fond rememberances of the AFRO. Being an AFRO newsboy was my first job as a young boy. Later, I worked there as a member of the press room team.

I hope as a Maryland State senator that I too will be able to emulate your years of service, dedication to the cause and vital leadership in the community.

May I express my deep appreciation for your support in the past and be assured that I extend to the men and women who produce this paper and the descendants of the founders a joyous Happy Birthday for years yet to come. — CLARENCE W. BLOUNT

Sen. Beall:

I wish to take this opportunity to extend my congratulations to the editors, staff and employees of the Baltimore AFRO-AMERICAN as it celebrates its 80th birthday on August 13, 1972.

Throughout eight decades of service to the Baltimore community, the AFRO-AMERICAN has consistently demonstrated its concern for the welfare of the city's citizens, and has compiled a record of which it can be proud.

The newspaper's growth has mirrored the growth of its city and state, and I know I join with its many friends in wishing the Baltimore Afro-American an even more successful future. — J. GLENN BEALL (U.S. Senator, D. Md.)

Cong. Diggs:

Please accept my sincere congratulations on the eightieth birthday of the Baltimore AFRO-AMERICAN.

The AFRO-AMERICAN has been a true and consistent leader in enhancing the awareness and interest of its readers in the major issues confronting blacks during the last eight decades, and has sought to bring the truth of our heritage to its readers.

It has recognized that there is no difference between the political powerlessness in the Bantustans of South Africa and the Bantustans of America; there is no difference between low pay and economic exploitation in Durban or in Detroit; and there is no difference in the need for uncompromising African leadership in Africa and the same imperative in New York, Washington, or Baltimore.

The AFRO-AMERICAN has served the cause of black pride and black power in the Baltimore community with distinction for the past eighty years. I wish you continued success in the years to come. — CHARLES C. DIGGS JR., (Member of Congress, 13th District of Michigan)

Del. Brailey:

I would like to take this pleasant opportunity to congratulate the AFRO-AMERICAN Newspapers on the occasion of its 80th anniversary.

The AFRO has pushed for the removal of all discriminatory bars against blacks in all walks of life.

Furthermore, the AFRO, along with the NAACP, spearheaded the 1960 voter-registration drive that put thousands of blacks on the books in Baltimore.

The AFRO has also encouraged qualified blacks to run for public office.

For the past 80 years, the AFRO-AMERICAN has been a communication and information center for and in the black community. It has served us well. — DEL. TROY BRAILEY, Fourth Legislative District, Baltimore City

Del. Lee:

Eighty years of successful business existence is a noteworthy accomplishment. Eighty years of dedicated and unfaltering service to a community and to a cause is a staggering and superior accomplishment.

These are the achievements of the AFRO-AMERICAN Newspapers for eight decades. The nation more than ever before needs the clarion voice of the black press in which the AFRO-AMERICAN has no peer. I wish perpetuity for the AFRO-AMERICAN Newspapers. — DEL. LENA K. LEE, D.-4th, Baltimore City

Vice Mayor of Atlanta:

The City of Atlanta extends to the publisher and staff of the Baltimore AFRO-AMERICAN congratulations on eighty years of dedicated service to the Baltimore community. Best wishes for continued service and [illegible] in your and our struggle.—MAYNARD JACKSON, Vice Mayor, City of Atlanta, President, (Board of Aldermen)