THE OLD AND THE NEW Baltimore pictured here by AFRO photographer Ben Phillips in a view down Druid Hill Ave. From just above Preston St. In the background are the new buildings of No. 1 and No. 2 Charles St., the new C and P Telephone building, the Tower Building, Gas and Electric Building, while in the foreground are some of the few 100-year-old rowhouses left standing near the AFRO home office. Lower right is the new addition to the McCulloh Homes.

Baltimore on the move, an ever changing skyline

By JACKIE ALLEN

In the area of housing, Baltimore is moving forward at a speed that far surpasses the pace of many other U.S. Cities.

Funds from private, state, local and federal organizations make Baltimore's outlook in housing bright.

A 1970 census of population and housing showed a change in the composition of households, an increase in senior citizens, and a decline in home ownership.

New plans in construction are trying to reverse the homeownership trend.

While the characteristics of Baltimore's 905,759 residents have altered over the decade, it is encouraging to note that the bulk of the City's housing supply is single-family homes.

This fact suggests that Baltimore neighborhoods are remaining stable and high property maintenance is being achieved.

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Public housing now serves some 43,000 low-income Baltimoreans. The average household income of the residents is about $3,000, as compared to the city average of $7,000.

Two-thirds of the residents are under 21, and one-fifth are senior citizens. More than 60 per cent receive public assistance.

Good examples of these developments are the Flag House Courts. Public housing has many forms in the city. Only about 18 per cent of the families living in public housing have elevator apartment buildings.

Most existing buildings are not high-rises and it is the Department of Housing and Community Development's policy to construct for families only garden-type townhouses or walkup apartments, which provide a more livable environment for families.

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Charles Center is Baltimore's first and foremost downtown urban renewal effort. It is an impressive array of shops, and plazas, that draw thousands of visitors each year.

In recent years the Charles Center has been the site of the Baltimore City Fair, the Flower Mart and the Arts Festival.

Charles Center is the result of a $10.4 million project. The venture has given the city 15 new buildings, 1,350,000 square feet of office space, a theatre, hotel and apartments.

The Washington Monument is both a city and neighborhood landmark. It was the first monument to Washington built in this country and antedates the D.C. structure by some seventy years:

There are 12,440 homes now under the Department of Housing and Community Development. This represents 45,000 people using public housing in the city.

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Housing developments in Baltimore are Brooklyn opened in September of 1942, Cherry Hill I, Sept. 30, 1946; Cherry Hill II, Sept. 30, 1953; Cherry Hill III, March 31, 1957.

Claremont, March 31, 1954; Douglass, Dec. 31, 1941; Fairfield, June 30, 1942; Flag House, Dec. 31, 1958; Gilmore, Sept. 30, 1942; Lafayette, March 31, 1956; Lakeview Towers, June 30, 1970.

In addition the following were opened: Latrobe, March 31, 1942; Lexington-Poe, June 30, 1959; McCulloh, Dec. 31, 1941; Murphy, Dec. 31, 1965; O'Donnell Heights, June 31, 1944.

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Also Oswego, March 31, 1970; Perkins Homes, June 30, 1942; Somerset Court, March 31, 1941; and Westport, Sept. 30, 1960.

Future plans for construction of homes in the city continue to add more to the city's changing landscape. There are a half dozen or more developments in varying stages of completion now.

'We are optimistic that the federal government will continue to provide the funds necessary to provide service to the community," said Van Story Branch, director of HCD.

Presently citizens living in public housing pay no more than 25 per cent of the family income for rent, the federal government passed a bill in 1970 that will make up the difference between the actual cost of the home and the per centage paid by the family.

THE ARABBER, an old Baltimore tradition, is still with us as he was in 1892 when the AFRO was born. The songs he sings to advertise his product as as he walks besides his wagons are now American heritage as truly original folklore. AFRO drawing by Alan Johnson.

MARKET DAY in 1892 was much the same as it is today as shown in AFRO drawing of Lafayette Market by Alan Johnson. Streetside produce stalls, also Baltimore tradition, are still here after over 100 years. In 1892, ladies took baskets, elegantly wore gloves and carried parasols against the summer sun. Shopping bags used today were unheard of. Market Day was a leisurely time for exchanging gossip, including as to the health of friends and spreading the news of the hour.

Sharp St. was built in 1897

By SCOTT PONEMONE

As the AFRO celebrates its 80th anniversary, it is fitting also to recognize another distinguished institution of Baltimore: the Sharp Street Memorial United Methodist Church.

The Sharp St. Church's history goes back way before the first AFRO hit the street, but the high point in the church's history occurred six years after the AFRO's birth in 1892.

In 1896, at a cost of $80,000, the church erected the first tabernacle ever constructed in Baltimore specifically for a black congregation.

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That building on the corner of Dolphin and Etting Sts. is the same one presently used by the Sharp St. congregation.

The name Sharp St. derives from the site of the church from 1802 to 1896. It was on Sharp St. between Lombard and Pratt Sts.

The congregation began in 1802 as it branched from the Lovely Lane Meeting House Gallery. In 1811, on a lot behind the Sharp St. building, the church began the first day school for black people.

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The founder of the school, Daniel Coker, later was named bishop and organized the Bethel AME Church.

1832 was also a big year. The church received its first charter as the African Methodist Episcopal (A.M.E.) Church.

The old Sharp St. Church was remodeled in 1884, the year the first black minister served the church. When the debt for remodelling was paid two years later, it was time for a jubilee.

For the celebration, people got permission to temporarily do something that was unheard of: bring an organ into church.

The organ stayed too long and church trustees won court action to have it silenced, but the Annapolis Appellate Court reversed the decision and the Sharp St. Church has had its organ ever since.

Eric Logan will tour East coast

Eric Logan, 19, a June graduate of Polytechnic Institute, will tour the east coast with a Youth For Christ Team this high school ministry beginning in September through June, 1973.

He is one of the founders of a Bible study group organized at Poly and a winner in the Metro-Maryland Youth For Christ Talent Contest.

On Sunday, 9:15 p.m. he will appear at the Big Mable Buffeteria, 7600 Pulaski Highway. His parents are Mr. and Mrs. Everett P. Logan.

Annual award to be given for Public Relations

The Maryland Chapter of the Public Relations Society of America has announced that it is accepting nominations for its 2nd Annual Public Relations Award.

This year's award, an original work by recently retired Baltimore Sun cartoonist, R. Q. Yardley, will go to "the individual who has created the best and contributed most to a Maryland project involving public relations — promotion, education, communications and constructive service in the period September 1, 1971 through August 31, 1972."

A committee of five public relations practitioners will judge the entries.

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Any person living or working in the state may be nominated and any person may submit the nomination. Deadline for entries is September 15.

Additional information and nomination forms can be obtained by writing: PR Awards Committee, Maryland Chapter, Public Relations Society of America, 879 Park Avenue, Baltimore, Maryland 21201.

IN THE 500 BLOCK of N. Fulton Ave. one finds the traditional white marble steps, brick row houses and friendly neighbors. These residents share a mutual pride in their block. As member of the AFRO Clean Block since its beginning 38 years ago, this block typifies the "neighborhood spirit" that can be seen throughout Baltimore.

Typical neighborhood is 500 block of N. Fulton

By PATRICE MYERS

The 500 block of N. Fulton Ave. is typical of the traditional Baltimore neighborhood with its brick row houses, white marble steps and tree-lined sidewalks.

A member of the AFRO's Clean Block since its conception, this block is comprised of residents who are sincerely interested in maintaining a beautiful Baltimore.

The diversity among the residents does not dispel the warm human interest and neighborliness this reporter felt while talking with the neighbors. As one resident pointed out, "Most of the people have lived here 10 or 12 years. We have a neighborhood club, and the people really try to cooperate."

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Old neighbors and new neighbors alike exhibit a pride that makes this block rather unique.

Blue and white AFRO Clean Block stickers can be seen in every houses' window. The painted green and white tires and flower pots in front of almost every home contain colorful flowers that show "neighborhood spirit."

The block has seen many changes. A major thoroughfare and truck route, this street brings much of the traffic from the Baltimore-Washington Parkway into the city.

Through the eyes of its teachers, housewives, laborers, nurses and other residents, here's a look at the changes the times have wrought for the 500 block of N. Fulton Ave.

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In a tan, gray and brown brick house at 508 lives Mrs. Ruby Porter, a children's aid at School No. 138 and the Rev. David Porter. The Porters have 5 girls: Misses Deborah Porter, 22, a teacher at School No. 135; Grace Porter, 20, a student at Coppin State; Hope Porter, 18, a student at Bowie State; Mary Porter, 17, a student at Carver; and Hannah Porter, 12, a student at Harlem Park.

Mrs. Porter stated, "The traffic was changed in this block. There's a truck route through here now. But the neighbors are still good neighbors."

Mrs. Porter has lived at 508 Fulton for 23 years. She attends the Church of God in Christ.

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At 523 lives the Pattersons in an attractive pink brick house with green flowerpots. After 14 years of residence in the block, Harry Patterson said, "The only changes I can see are that quite a few houses have been fixed up. Our Clean Block advisor (George Dozier) goes out of his way to keep the block clean, even in the winter."

Mr. Patterson and his wife, Mrs. Emma Patterson, have 6 children. They are: James, 21; Emma, 20; Carl, 18; Robin, 12; Spring, 10; and Winter, 7. The family attends Union Baptist Church.

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The captain of this Clean Block, Miss Michelle Holman, 16, lives with her brother, Jeffrey Holman, 15, and parents, Mr. and Mrs. Donald Holman at 520. Mrs. Mary Johnson, Eugene Randall, Simmie Taylor and Louis Nichols also reside in the 3-story, red-brick house. They are 6 year residents. Mrs. Johnson attends St. James United Methodist Church.

Down the street at 530 lives the adviser to this Clean Block, George Dozier. He has lived in this gray brick, 3-story house for 34 years. Mr. Dozier said, "There's been quite a bit of change in this block. There are more homeowners, and this helps to keep the block up."

Mr. Dozier teaches at Harlem Park Junior High and attends Bethel AME Church.

Just moving in at 527 were the Deale and Carter families. Mrs. Nellie Deale gave her first impression of the block. She said, "I

"The neighborhood hasn't changed much. Most of the people have lived here for 10 and 12 years. We've always had the Clean Block."

Mr. Brown is a teacher at School No. 61. The couple has 2 children: Chanda, 3 and Lynnette, 18 months.

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Next door at 540 lives the Millers. Miss Kim Miller, 13, a student at Harlem Park, said, "Yes, the neighborhood has changed. We've been cleaning up and painting the tires for the Clean Block. There's more neighborhood spirit."

Kim and her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Earl Miller, have lived in the block for 5 months. Other children are: Harry, 18; Arnold, 17; Chris, 16; and Doreen, 14.

Perhaps the best description of the block was given by Donald Clark, 13. He lives with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. James Clark at 513 Fulton. He said, "It's beautiful. If only all the people would come out and help to keep it clean." "I think it's a nice neighborhood."

Nine month residents at 542 are Mr. and Mrs. Les Brown. They lived down the street in another house for 6 years. Mrs. Diana Brown, a housewife, stated,

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By BRENDA WRIGHT

"I remember getting the AFRO for three cents an issue."

The way times have changed and expenses have heightened, AFRO-AMERICAN Newspaper readers know the speaker must be a Baltimorean who has seen many changes.

Mrs. Sarah Dungee Upshur, of the 4400 block of Reisterstown Rd., was born Aug. 7, 1888.

Mrs. Upshur has lived 84 years, raised three children, and has seen four grandchildren, 10 great-grandchildren, and seven great great grandchildren grow up.

Mrs. Upshur and the AFRO have grown older together.

"We've been having the AFRO in our family since it started and I'd feel funny without it," the still active octogenarian said proudly.

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The longtime AFRO reader, who continues to enjoy reading the AFRO, books on religion and the Bible, said she has lived a "pleasant life."

"Like any other poor person, I look for ups and downs."

Mrs. Upshur has had her share of both. On the down side, she has suffered several strokes, sometimes has severe headaches and remembers burying her husband, James Upshur, who died 30 years ago.

She has many happy memories, too. Her graduation from St. Francis Academy in May, 1906; her marriage that same year; raising her family and just living.

"I've enjoyed my life, got married and raised a family," she said with a smile and no regrets. "I think I've done wonderfully."

Mrs. Upshur now lives with her daughter, Mrs. Lucretia Upshur Mills in her Reisterstown Rd. home. Mrs. Upshur said her daughter watches her diet since she can't eat very much salt.

Mrs. Upshur is a longtime member of Bethel AME Church where her uncle, Charles Dungee, was the organist for many years. She is still an active member of the Josiah Diggs Club of which Mrs. Ardelle Carr is president.

Mrs. Upshur's two sons also reside in Baltimore. They are Leon Upshur and William DeMines, who is a former collector in the AFRO advertising department and owned a Baltimore hardware store.

Mrs. Upshur's grandchildren are Mrs. Virginia Diggs, Mrs. Margaret Squawell, Miss Karen DeMines and Roderick Upshur.

"I REMEMBER" — Mrs. Sarah Upshur, who was 84 on Aug. 7, has many memories of Old Baltimore. She remembers buying the AFRO for three cents a copy. Still active, Mrs. Upshur enjoys reading and sewing. John Dorman photo.

Woman, 84, boasts of 40 descendants

By JACKIE ALLEN

Mrs. Alverta L. Jackson is celebrating her 84th birthday with the AFRO. Born Aug. 14, 1888, Mrs. Jackson is four years older than the AFRO.

Although the years have treated Mrs. Jackson well, she finds it difficult to "bother with the issues of the day."

A very loyal member of the Catholic church all her life, Mrs. Jackson has been active at Our Lady of Lourdes, 3411 Edgewood Road, for 10 years.

Before that she was a parishioner at St. Peter's Rectory, Fremont and Pennsylvania Ave.

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The Jackson family is proud of its four generations, headed by Mrs. Jackson. They include Mrs. Jackson his only daughter, Mrs. Catherine Stanley, of the 4000 block of Edgewood Road.

Mrs. Jackson also boasts of 6 grandchildren, 18 great-grandchildren, 20 great-great-grandchildren and 1 great-great-great-grandchild.

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Born in St. Mary's County over half a century ago, Mrs. Jackson still enjoys "the sun's warm ray on my face."

Although Mrs. Jackson claims to have no secrets to long life it seems to be a family trait. Mrs. Jackson had 3 sisters who died in their 80's. At present she has a 92-year-old sister in Washington, D.C. who is more active than the younger Mrs. Jackson.

'Hard work' her secret for longevity

By PATRICE MYERS

Proudly displaying her only treasure, a beautiful, crocheted spread, Mrs. Charlotte E. Clark told of her years in Baltimore and West Moreland County, Va., her birthplace.

'I was born in West Moreland County on Aug. 25, 1892 and was about 15 or 16 when I came to Baltimore. I traveled back and forth between Virginia and Baltimore before settling down here."

Now and active despite her 79 years Mrs. Clark had been a teacher and factory worker before retiring to work at the full-time job of raising a family.

She stated, "I graduated from N.N.I. Academy in Richmond County, Va. and took the state examination for teaching. I taught school for about 6 years in West Moreland County and later did factory work. Eventually I stopped to rear my family."

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She was married to John Thomas Clark Sr. in 1917. The couple have 5 children: Mrs. Wilameana Curley, Mrs. Rosetta Water, Mrs. Cora Lomax, John Thomas Clark Jr. and Wardel Clark; 16 grandchildren and 4 great-grandchildren, long life is 'hard work." I've rested and I've tried to take care of myself. I try to do unto others as I would have them do They will celebrate their 55th wedding anniversary in November.

The Clarks moved to 1410 Whitelock St., their present address, in April, 1919. They were the first colored family to live above North Ave. on Whitelock St.

Mrs. Clark's secret for a

CROCHETING AND SEWING — These are the hobbies of Mrs. Charlotte E. Clark who will be 80 years old Aug. 25. Above she displays a treasured, crocheted spread that took one year to make. She is a native of Virginia and moved to Baltimore in 1917. Her secret for longevity is "hard work."

unto me. I treat my neighbors well and go to church regularly."

Mrs. Clark has been a member of Sharon Baptist Church since 1916. Prior to that she attended Potomac Baptist Church in Virginia. Her church activities included being a deaconess and belonging to the Birthday Circle and a prayer group.

Mrs. Clark belonged to the Decrease Republica Club, the Neighborhood Club, the Red Cross and the YWCA.

When asked what her recommendations were to other people for a long life she replied, "I would advise people to eat on time and take their rest. Do what they can for others. Work and get enought sleep."

Mrs. Clark came to Baltimore in 1917. She remembers many things about old Baltimore. "I remember when they had street cars in Baltimore and I used to ride them for 5 cents. The Druid Hill Ave. streetcar had only 3 seats for colored people to ride in. I remember the horse and buggy doctors that went from house to house to treat people. The AFRO was once 3 cents."

Mrs. Clark enjoys crocheting and sewing. Her treasured crocheted spread has a beautiful hexagonal design and took one year to make.

Other Baltimoreans born in 1892

By BRENDA J. WRIGHT

The year. 1892 was a big year for many parents who increased Baltimore's population with smiling, cooing babies who had not yet learned the meaning of racial prejudice and hard times.

As the babies grew they lived through wars and depressions, but there were happy times, too.

Many were the children of ex-slaves. There were 436,439 Baltimoreans at that time. Many were the recently freed slaves who came to the city from the farms.

The babies reached school age and were among schools. Only 6,888 students were actually registered.

Among those born in August, 1892, just as the AFRO-AMERICAN Newspaper began, was Schollery E. Webb Sr., of 177 Winters Ave. in Catonsville. Mr. Webb, born Aug. 11, 1892, celebrates his 80th birthday in the early AFRO. It will be a pleasure to be a pioneer reader of your paper when that date in August comes up."

Others born during that time include: Bernard R. Byrd Sr., 674 N. Carey St., born Aug. 22; Theodore W. Kess, of 225 11th Ave., Glen Burnie, born Aug. 22; Mrs. Charlotte E. Clark, of 1410 Whitelock St., born Aug. 25; Mrs. Ruth E. Allen, of 727 Druid Park Lake Dr., born Aug. 19; Grant Gaither, of Queenestown Rd. in Severn, Md., born Aug. 22; and Pinkney Simms, 3619 Gelston Dr., born Aug. 9; Mrs. Virginia Burwell, of 6 N. Morley St. and Mrs. Rosa Hazlewood of 2728 Fox St.

Others who are 80 this year and remember reading the AFRO when it was only three cents a copy include: Mrs. Mattie Knotts, of 707 Mt. Holly St., born July 18; and Mrs. Mary S. Evans, of 2904 Belmont Ave., born April 2. Old enough to remember the publication of the first AFRO is 85-year-old Mrs. Dora Vanderford, one of the oldest residents in the Pimlico area. Others over the 80-year mark are Frank T. Wood Sr., who was 92 on July 15, and lives in the 3400 block of Fairview Ave.; Mrs. Maggie Winder Ayres, of 918 Ashburton St., born Aug. 13, 1890, a former AFRO correspondent in Longreen; and Mrs. Ella P. Brown, of 7 N. Ellamont St., who was 85 years old on Aug. 5.

HAS A GREEN THUMB — Mrs. Ruth E. Allen, born Aug. 19, 1892, attributes her longevity to "leading a very quiet life." Mrs. Allen enjoys cooking, writing, gardening and collecting antiques. She came to Balimore in Aug., 1908 from Matthews County, Va.

80-year-old has 'led a quiet life'

By PATRICE MYERS

"I've been reading the AFRO ever since it has been available. When I came to the city they were only a nickel."

This statement was made by Mrs. Ruth E. Allen, a very likeable woman who knew Baltimore when summer cars (open cable cars) were a means of transportation and cows were herded through the city.

Mrs. Allen was born in Matthews County, Va. on Aug. 19, 1892. She came to Baltimore in Aug., 1908.

Mrs. Allen vividly recalled an experience that happened in her hometown, Cobb's Creek. 'As a child I was afraid of the dark. When I came out of the house one night, there were 3 crosses in the sky. They were bright like stars. I still remember them to this day.

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"I led a very quiet life. I went to bed at a reasonable hour and never did much partying. This has been my secret for a long life," states Mrs. Allen.

Her husband, John Francis Allen, died in 1920 and a daughter, Katherine Allen, died last May. Mrs. Allen has one grandchild.

"The biggest joy I get out of life now is doing for others," says Mrs. Allen. She also likes to cook, write and collect antiques.

Her apartment on Druid Park Lake Drive is virtually a museum of antiques. Several treasured items — an old-time cuspidor, a rocking chair, a brass urn, an oil lamp, her mother's woodpipe — were brought from Mrs. Allen's home in Cobb's Creek.

Mrs. Allen attends Morning Star Baptist Church where she is an officer in the Baptist Training Union and a member of the Willingham Club.

She's active despite life's tragedies

By PATRICE MYERS

Mrs. Ellen Jones will always associate her first AFRO with tragedy. "I came home from a picnic on July 4, 1922 and found my husband murdered in our bedroom. I bought the July 7, 1922 edition of the AFRO that had a write-up on my husband's death."

This was only the beginning of a long list of tragedies for the 79-year-old Mrs. Jones. She stated. "There's no one left but me. They're all gone now."

Born in Caroline County, Va on Aug. 24, 1892 Mrs. Jones has seen the passing of her only child and grandchild, 3 husbands, her parents, a brother and a sister.

Despite sad reminiscences, Mrs. Jones stays active and tries to "live right and normal." This she believes has contributed to her long life. "I can eat anything, am in good health and go to a doctor once a month for my arthritis," she said.

Mrs. Jones has lived in Baltimore at her 1104 Myrtle Ave. residence since 1920, although she was raised in D.C. She has many friends in the neighborhood and is secretary of the 1100 Block Club of Myrtle Ave.

Mrs. Jones worked in the diet kitchen of a marine hospital for 7 years. She was a cook for 25 years and retired in June, 1971.

A Coppin Student Writes Us

1807 Moreland Avenue
Baltimore, Maryland
21216
August 7, 1972

Afro-American
628 N. Eutaw Street
Baltimore, Maryland

Dear Sir;

In the August 5, 1972 edition of the Afro, you featured an article entitled "Coppin State President Fires The Dean." As students at Coppin we must protest with indignation the printing of the article. We feel that your "paper" has no real interest in Coppin's needs or its problems. Every article that has appeared in your paper about Coppin since July 25, has done nothing but create confusion and attempt to slander Coppin's name. We question your motives. Does your "paper" really wish to help Coppin or have you run out of local murders and dope arrest to fill the pages? May we suggest that you address your "paper" to a few national and international bits of news for these things affect Black people too.

In conclusion, we would like to point out that Coppin State College offers a major in English. Perhaps you can check with our English Department to secure a student to organize a proof-reading staff. We were fully aware from reading the article that for your "paper", this is a moot pressing problem. We sincerely hope that Coppin can be of some assistance.

Respectfully,
Sandra Cambrill
Tanya Hall
Sandra Cambrill, Sophomore
Tanya Hall, Freshman