Mayor Schaefer greets Clean Blockers Friday

Landlords keep the 1600 blk of Eareckson Place in beautiful shape by painting fronts regularly.

AFRO Clean Block in 1400 E. Lanvale St. is all clean except for flowers. Left to right, Pam Johnson, worker; Lisa Turnipseed, Co-Captain; Mrs. Dorothy Phillips, Advisor; Judy Brown, Captin; Charmaine Johnson, Assistant Advisor.

Mrs. Selina Waller, 400 blk E. Biddle St. is helping Mrs. Alease Mackey, Captain get her flowers and tires together and was caught by AFRO photogarpher Carl Matthews.

Baltimore Summer Corp. Sanitation Division are shown at Bethel St. and Lafayette Ave. From left, Carolyn Scales, Derek Gilmor, Darlene Scott, Theodore Nation, Randy Williams, George Crews and Alfred Garrison.

Adopt a tree ... kill a rat

By Ida Peters
Today, Friday, AFRO

Clean Block Captains, Co-Captains and Advisors met at the McCulloh Homes Auditorium at 11 a.m. with Mayor William Donald Schaefer making a proclamation proclaiming AFRO Clean Block Days in Baltimore.

Theme of this year's campaign is "Company's Coming ... Let's Build A Beautiful Baltimore ... Together."

Workers were advised at the meeting to clear the grass and weeds from around the trees in their blocks and plant flowers.

Each worker was asked to Adopt-A-Tree and water it regularly. It's not enough to clean sidewalks and alleys. Workers must stop and pull all unsightly weeds and grass along curbs and around the trees.

Many pretty blocks are putting bricks around the trees and painting them white.

Rats Must Go

All captains are asked to schedule bulk trash pick-ups on a neighborhood basis. This means all workers set a time and place, notify the sanitation department at the Clean Block meetings and once and for all move the bulk trash out of vacant houses, vacant lots and out of ceilars, attics.

One pair of rats produce 50 children per year. Garbage is rat food so keep it in a regular can and put it out for regular collection on regular pick-up days.

Remember food put out for birds and cats also feeds rats. Put bird food on raised platforms.

Dog food put out in the yard should be removed once the pet is fed. Take it in ... why feed the rat.

Blocks with problems are urged to call the AFRO Clean Block Office, 728-8200.

You may still join the AFRO's Clean Block Campaign. Stop by the AFRO and register at 628 N. Eutaw St. on the corner of Druid Hill.

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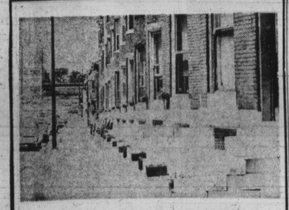

Blocks on the move

By Arnetta Lottier

The 1400 blk. E. Lanvale St. is all cleaned up and waiting for flowers to go around the trees in the block. You'll be notified at the Afro Clean Block meeting today where to pick up your flowers.

The 1600 blk. Druid Hill Ave. is really on the move. Passed there today and saw a crew of young men sweeping the streets. Also noticed they have flowers around their trees. Right on brothers, you're looking good. Understand you are one of our new blocks this year in the Afro Clean Block Campaign. Welcome aboard!

The 1900 blk. Herbert St. is also a newcomer this year to the AFRO Clean Block Campaign. Welcome! The representative from this block is really on the ball.

Your request for flowers will be filled shortly.

Welcome aboard also George Dozier and 500 blk. N. Fulton Ave. Glad, to have you join us. We'll see you soon.

Also welcome to the 1900 blk. Ridgehill Ave. They are on board after two years absence from The Afro Clean Block.

The Urban Services — 1500 blk. Argyle — office, under the direction of Mrs. Elaine Young, is recruiting AFRO Clean Blocks in the area. Already they have the 500 blk. Sanford Place, 800 blk. W. Lanvale St., 1300 Myrtle Ave., 700 blk. W. Mosher St., 600 Pitcher St., 1500 Argyle Ave., 1300 Argyle Ave. M's Betty Bee is in charge of recruitment of the Afro Clean Blocks. Keep up the good work M's Bee!

Oops! an error was made in the name of the advisor for the 2500 blk. Lakeview Ave. Mrs. Minnie Williams is the advisor for the block. Mrs. Martha Randall is the assistant advisor. Sorry about that!

Orchids to the landlord of houses in the 1600 blk. Eareckson Place who is having his property painted for his tenants. It really looks great! Wish we had more landlords like you.

Onions To

The residents in the 400 blk. E. Bille St. who won't cooperate with the Afro Clean Block captain who is trying hard to get things started in the block. Please neighbors, try not to throw trash around and break bottles. Remember, you are one of the fortunate blocks that has summer help from the city. Try to keep your place clean after the youngsters sweep up your streets for you.

The persons who stole three flower planters from the 2100 blk. Ashland Ave. They are hoping you will bring them back. They would be glad to tell you where you may purchase some.

The folks in the 1800 blk. Bethel St. who keep throwing trash in the alleys after the Baltimore Summer Core thoroughly sweeps your alleys.

The residents of the 600 blk. W. Lafayette Ave. are complaining about people who come from other neighborhoods and wash their cars and make repairs on their cars in this block. Try taking care of these things in your own neighborhoods, folks. These folks don't want you cluttering up their block.

The drinking crowd that sits around on the steps of the vacant houses and making noise disturbing the residents of the 600 blk. W. Lafayette Ave. Residents, try calling Police Community Relations (396-2910) for assistance with this problem.

New blocks that also joined the Afro Clean Block Campaign are: 1900 N. Castle St., 2000 Barclay St., 3800 Chatham Rd., 2214 Giles Rd., 600 W. Lafayette Ave., 300 E. Lorraine Ave., 100 McPhail St., 1500 Holbrook St.

New Clean Blocks

200 E. Lafayette Ave. — Tanya Sims, Captain; Pearl Randall, Co-Captain; Mrs. Nora Sims, Advisor;

Workers: Rodney Sims, Terence Sims, Pauline Newman, Libbie Newman, Mr. Coty, Theola McKnight, Betty Reynolds, Jacquelyn Randall, Pearl Randall, Joyce Wilson, Toni Jackson, Maxine Witherspoon, Patsy Brown, June Batts.

2000 Boyd Street — Barbara A. Day, Captain; Mr. Cornell D. Williams, Co-Captain; Henrietta Henson, Advisor

Workers: Rebecca Presco, Cornell Williams, Margaret Jones, Gloria Dorsey, Robert Harris, Gloria Monzone, Tasha Howard, Virginia Fields, Barbara Day, Veronica Day, Gerald Day, Cynthia Horrell, Michele Dorsey, Latanya Dorsey, Darryl Hardy, Edward Brogden, Anges Perkins, Anthony Lemon, Sherl Lemon, Tony Lemon, Carolyn Dorsey, Andre Dorsey, Sandra Webb, Betty Murray, Tammy Murray, John Murray, William Whack.

900 North Gilmor St. — Mrs. Gladys Johnson, Captain; Andre Brown, Co-captain; Khadieja Fatan Mata, Advisor.

Workers: Mrs. Moody, Mrs. Evens, Mr. and Mrs. Carl Evens, the Jones Family, Barbara Whitaker, Tommy Gaines, Mr. and Mrs. Knight, Mrs. Gladys Johnson, James Goodferry, Mrs. Chose, Joyce Cooper, Mrs. Brown, Mrs. Dorothy Lane, Lillian Green, Mrs. Rose Ricks, Mrs. Virginia Granger, Saran Blakery, Mrs. Daisy Patterson.

1500 Argyle Ave. — Lynette Johnson, Captain; Jennifer Anderson, Co-captain; Deanna Diggs, Mrs. Nora Johnson, Mrs. Hilda Ellison, Advisors.

Workers: Timothy Ellison, Herbert Nichols, Daunalita Crawford, Charmayne Holland, William Jones, Vivian Crawford, Darlene Klutz, Sharon Klutz, Diane Wyatt, Adrian Barback, Levern Nichols, Marcelena Moore, George Moore, Marlene Moore, Jacqueline Jackson, Paul Jackson, Wanda Diggs, Jimmy McClair, Nora Johnson, Rhonda Johnson.

1900 W. Lexington St. — Wonda Hayes, Captain; Dwayne Williams, Co-captain; Mrs. Ruth Wainwright, Advisor.

Workers: Alphonso Hargrove, Durwin Stewart, Allen Hargrove, Bernard Townsend, Dwayne Williams, Cecil Townsend, Donald Boykin, Glenn Cunningham, Richard Wainwright, Keith Garner, Anthony Wainwright, Tony Stewart, Danette Johnson, Paula Bradley, Pamela Bradley, Bridgett Wainwright, Burnett Cunningham, Ruth Hayes, Mrs. Ruth Wainwright, Mrs. Ethel Bond, Mr. and Mrs. Vernon Young, Mrs. Mary Clark, Carolyn Fulmore, Michael Morres, Daniel Morres, Barbara Hayes, David McClean, Daryle Johnson.

2700 Mura St. — Freddie Johnson, Captain; Sheila Reese, Co-Captain; William Diggs, Advisor.

Workers: Valerie Trayham, Mrs. C. Moore, S. Sharp, Arnetie Chisolm, Edith Pugh, William Diggs, Larry Diggs, Vernon Diggs, Stephanie McKoy, Maurice Diggs, Lenzy Douglas, Kyle Kennedy, Frank DeWitt, Eric DeWitt, Keith Bailey, Christopher Farmer, Mildred Tucker, Edna Chapman, Linda Brooks, James Lilly, B. Hill, Rachael Robinson, Mrs. Burnwright, Mrs. M. Mason.

Clean Block Regulations

PURPOSE

The purpose of this campaign is to get all residents in your block to keep a clean home this summer and beautify the block.

A clean block is one in which steps and sidewalks are washed once a day and the street kept free from trash.

Wood work is kept free from fingerprints vestibules are scrubbed.

Windows are kept clean and curtains hung evenly.

Garbage and trash cans are removed as soon as emptied.

Window boxes have flowers in them as well as on the porch.

No one sits at front window or on the front steps, unless his clothing be neat and clean.

Loud talking or any other disturbance which annoys others is not permitted.

A beautiful block must have flowers in it, and must be clean, both back and front.

Only back fences are whitewashed. Do not paint curbs or sidewalks.

Window Signs

One hundred per cent cooperation of the block residents will be attested by the window signs as well as by the improved appearance of the block itself.

Explanation

A block is a row houses between two cross streets. For the purpose of this campaign, a block includes the houses on both sides of the street.

There must be three or more houses before there is a block.

Judges

Judges appointed by the director, will choose the best block on these counts. (1) Appearance of block at time of inspection, (2) Improvement of block over what it was when contest began, (3) The beauty of the flowers.

Judges may make as many inspections as they see fit in case of delay, dispute or contest. The director's decision will be final in all cases.

Prizes

Special certificates of merit will be given to all persons recommended by the captain.f There will be a chash prize and other giftsmf in many blocks a party is give for all those who worked.

BLOCK ORGANIZATION

1. The captain must try to get all persons in the block to sign up and send their named to the AFRO-AMERICAN.

2. He or she must call a meeting of all adults and children and elect a president who will act as advisor.

3. Have a secretary, who will write down what is done at each meeting and send reports to the AFRO-AMERICAN.

4. Elect a block inspector, who will see that no trash accumulates anywhere in the block.

5. Elect a marshal who will call out the clean-up brigade at a definite time each day so that by all working together at the same time, the block will soon improve in appearance.

6. Do not whitewash trees and curb: only the back yards and fences may be whitewashed.

How The Blocks Are Rated

1. All woodwork on all houses clean, 25 points.
2. Flowers in window boxes or in front yards, 20 points.
3. No trash or garbage can in sight, 20 points.
4. Clean Block cards in window, 10 points

Clean Block Fund $1,853.18

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Winner Distributors of Budweiser Beer	$100
William C. March Funeral Home	50.00
Continental Society	50.00
Miss Elinor Dimmy	41.00

MEETING DATES - 41st ANNUAL AFRO-AMERICAN CLEAN BLOCK CAMPAIGN
Auditorium—McCulloh Homes Project
Druid Hill Ave. and Dolphin St.
11 A.M.
July 11, 1975 July 25, 1975

An AFRO reader saw this crowd of youngsters in front of the Theatre, Monday, and ran all the way to the AFRO Building to complain. The Marquee reads "Mandingo" which he felt youngsters should not see. To assure our reader, AFRO Clean Block youngsters saw "Deliver Us From Evil" starring Renny Roker.

41ST ANNUAL AFRO CLEAN BLOCK CAMPAIGN APPLICATION BLANK

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Laurens St. fire deaths charged to youth, 19

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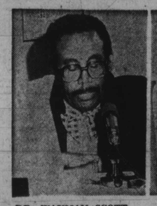
CONGRESSMAN MITCHELL BLASTS BOARD AND BLACK CITIZENS

Patterson 'lynched'

Case goes to Federal Court



DR. WAYMAN SCOTT read the charges

NORMAN RAMSEY watching the crowd

By Portia E. Badham

Cong. Parren J. Mitchell points out that the last lynching in the "free state" took place on the Eastern Shore of Maryland in the late 1930's.

However, he charges the firing of Dr. Roland N. Patterson represents a lynching, "masked in legality" and wrapped in so-called legal accepted procedures.

He says, "The action of the board was anticipated by most of us. It was clear that the board was operating under specific instructions to accomplish just one thing, and that was the dismissal of Dr. Patterson."

Cong. Mitchell continued that this latest lynching can not and must not be viewed in isolation.

DESIGNED ATTACK

"It is part and parcel of a clearly designed, carefully orchestrated attack against those black citizens who assume significant positions of leadership and at the same time remain committed to serving the best interests of black citizens and the overall community.

"I am sure that this does not end the Patterson case. I am sure that the astute counsel, Larry Gibson, will initiate further steps in an effort to secure justice," Cong. Mitchell notes.

BLACKS RESPONSIBLE

"Meanwhile, the lynching of Patterson has taken place and the black community is in part responsible because far too many allowed the real issue to be covered over by personal feelings, propaganda, and outright distortion of facts," the congressman concluded.

SUIT FILED

The School Board's long battle to dismiss Dr. Patterson did not end with the Thursday morning decision which relieved him of his duties.

Lawyers for Dr. Patterson will go into Federal Court Aug. 7 for a preliminary hearing on their civil rights suit that seeks his re-instatement.

The basic counts in the suit are racial discrimination, denial of due process because sufficient notice of the hearing was not given nor any details of the charges, and that the board's evaluation process violated its own procedures.

The most important issue in the suit charges that the board served as judge, jury and witness and that evidence was presented during the hearings which the board knew was false.

Mr. Gibson told the AFRO that the suit did not have a specific request for awarding of money for damages since an amount

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DR. ROLAND N. PATTERSON and his attorney, Charles Lee, photographed in the final moments by AFRO staff photographer, Benjamin M. Phillips IV.

FIVE NAMED TO SEARCH COMMITTEE

Federal judge warns on hasty filling Patterson's shoes but Crew is in

By Elizabeth M. Oliver

The School Board today at 3 p.m. will "close the door" on Superintendent Dr. Roland N. Patterson and despite warning from a federal judge, will name an acting superintendent at a salary of $40,000.

In Patterson's shoes, until a permanent person comes, will be Dr. John L. Crew, a deputy superintendent (oddly) whom Dr. Patterson hired for the deputy post in June, 1973.

The warning against haste in replacing Dr. Patterson came Thursday in Federal Court.

CIVIL RIGHTS SUIT

U.S. District Court Judge Frank A. Kaufman, noting a Civil Rights suit had been filed by Dr. Patterson's lawyers Thursday, warned the School Board if it loses the suit, it might have to rehire Patterson.

MAY REINSTATE PATTERSON

In addition, the jurist also warned if Patterson has to be reinstated in his job as superintendent, the man named to serve in his place prematurely may later hit the board for damages.

U.S. District Judge Joseph H. Young has set the Civil Rights suit preliminary hearing for Aug. 7, three weeks from now.

Deputy City Solicitor Ambrose T. Hartman told Judge Kaufman the board is making immediate appointment of an acting superintendent since autumn school sessions are so near.

He also noted budget and HEW desegregation plans need immediate action.

The hire-Crew decision was made firm Thursday but actually Crew was posted several weeks ago and accepted when he was dined and wined a weekend in a motel by some board members.

SEARCH GROUP NAMED

The Search Committee was also named Thursday to include Dr. Beryl Williams, David Sloan, Oscar Helm, Grover McCrea and Mrs. Sheila Sachs.

HEADED OUT OF TOWN

The Search Committee was expanded from the Personnel and Credentials Committee to include McCrea and Sloan. Out-of-town trips are planned for interviews.

Today's 3 p.m. agenda will include guidelines for the new superintendent, who he shall be, how selected and what the community needs and will accept "in the new person."

WHO IS CREW?

A native of North Carolina, Dr. Crew, age 47, first came to the Baltimore school system in 1965 as an educational psychologist.

He left the system in 1965 to accept a position as supervisor of research and evaluation for the Maryland Dept. of Education. From there he went to teach at West Chester State College in Pennsylvania.

In 1969, Dr. Crew returned to Baltimore as director for special services for Baltimore city school students.

Dr. Crew, who received his doctorate in research, design, measurement and statistics at the University of Maryland, did undergraduate work at Morgan State College.

DEPUTY AT $35,000

Dr. Patterson chose him to serve as acting associate superintendent in 1972 shortly after his special investigative task force uncovered massive inadequacies in the special education division.

Dr. Crew became deputy superintendent in planning and research in 1973.

As deputy superintendent, Dr. Crew earned $35,000 yearly. Though his new salary has not yet been announced, it is speculated that he will receive $40,000 a year.

Jilted suitor kills sweetheart, himself

Funeral services were held today (Friday) for a 34-year-old man who committed suicide on July 11, after allegedly killing his girlfriend in a bar.

Police report Daniel Harris died of self-inflicted wounds to the head. Harris was found lying face down behind the bar in the Half Moon Tavern, 1948 Laretta Ave., around 3:15 p.m.

According to police, a .38 caliber revolver was found under Harris left side and Ms. Jones was found dead next to him. She had been shot in the face and chest.

Funeral services were held Wednesday at Mount Olive Baptist Church for Ms. Jones. The AFRO learned Ms. Jones was employed at the Half Moon Tavern.

Police state there were no witnesses to the shooting. However, a woman who was in another part of the bar told police that Harris and Ms. Jones were involved in a "boyfriend and girlfriend type relationship."

The woman reported to police, "Ms. Jones had attempted to break off the relationship."

Paul Chester has not resigned from office, George Russell still confident he will win

GEORGE RUSSELL

George L. Russell Jr., attorney for Paul A. Chester, the court clerk found guilty of malfeasance in office this week, says Mr. Chester never resigned his post as reported in the media.

Russell said all Mr. Chester did was to meet the legal requirements that he step aside pending judicial review of his case, which is being appealed.

"When we win the case on appeal, Chester will be restored to his position just as if nothing ever happened, with back pay," Russell said.

He said Chester never "contemplated, discussed or thought" of resigning his clerkship.

Seven witnesses and one former employee of Mr. Chester's office testified for the state.

The witnesses testified Mr Chester told them that they must purchase $150 worth of tickets or contribute that sum in cash to a fund raising event for his successful 1974 re-election campaign.

PAUL CHESTER

Another Freeway victim, girl, 16

TEXAS RUNNERUP—Patrece McLemore finished second only to Mary Ellen Richardson in this year's Miss Texas contest July 12 in Ft. Worth. Miss McLemore is the reigning Miss Toledo Bend. (UPI Telephoto)

By Jackie Lane

Around the household of June Elaine Thomas at 525 Shepard St., NW, Washington, D.C. can be found awards of achievement in scholastics, leadership, and certificates of merit of the 16-year-old girl who was found stabbed to death July 2 at the entrance of Goddard Space Flight Center in Greenbelt.

That she was a smart girl was further evidenced in that she had held a part-time job since April. U.S. Park Police said that June had left her waitress job at the Prince George's Hot Shoppes in Prince Georges Plaza in Hyattsville about 8 p.m. Tuesday night and had apparently been killed about midnight.

Her body was found on a grassy Goddard exit ramp onto the Baltimore-Washington Parkway about 8 a.m. by an employee of the National Aeronautical and Space Administration complex.

Park police said that she was found fully dressed and apparently had not been sexually molested.

According to George Berkley, assistant director of park police, "there are no suspects as of yet, but we have detectives out on the street following leads but nothing has come up yet."

Miss Thomas is survived by her parents, Audrey and Clovis Thomas; two sister, Jemilier, Thomas, 17; Fredrica Thomas, 10; and two brothers, Derice Thomas, 13, and Avoen Butler, 18, all residing at 525 Shepard St., NW.

"June was on the drill team at school (Rebaut Junior High) and really enjoyed it. She also liked to read a lot," her sister Jenifer said.

"All of us went to church together at the Little Temple Deliverance Church of God where our mother is a very active member," Miss Thomas added.

June Thomas just graduated from Rabaut Junior High School where she had been awarded certificates of merit in scholastics during her entire career there.

Named for the month of June, Miss Thomas just recently celebrated her birthday on June 27 with family and friends.

Police expressed the opinion that June's death was not connected with the Freeway Phantoms slayings which created a stir in the Washington-Maryland area more than a year ago.

Authorities are still searching for suspects in connection with the earlier Freeway deaths which involved seven killings.

LAURENS ST. MOLOTOV COCKTAIL FIRE

Youth charged with 6 homicides

A 19-year-old West Baltimore youth has been arrested and charged with the 4:23 a.m. Laurens St. fire which claimed the lives of six persons and injured eight persons including four firefighters.

Police state Anthony Lee Blackwell, 200 block N. Mount St., was being held in the Central District Thursday evening awaiting a bail hearing before a hearing commissioner.

Howard Owen, president of the Board of Fire Commissioners, told a news conference late Thursday afternoon, Blackwell is charged with six counts of homicide, six counts of burning with intent to murder, one count of arson and one count of using a molotov cocktail.

The youth was arrested, according to police reports, about two blocks away from the scene of the fire.

Mr. Owen told reporters the suspect reportedly was involved in argument with one of the occupants of the three-story brick rowhouse the previous evening.

Those who perished in the two alarm fire were listed as Miss Rochelle Gwynn, 15, 500 block Laurens St.; Miss John Lene Gwynn, 18, 500 block Laurens St.; Edward Gwynn, 2; John Gwynn, 12; April Gwynn, 5; and Laverne Nelson, 18, all of the same address.

The injured are Terry Watts, 20, suffered second

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FATAL FIRE SCENE — View of three-story row house in 600 block Laurens St. in northwest Baltimore where six persons died in early Thursday morning fire. Firemen were still on scene when AFRO staff photog Benjamin M. Phillips IV took this photo four hours later.

FUJI MICRO SAFETY