Robert Lee Clay, symbol of success and dedication

Robert Lee Clay is a young man who has a lot to be proud of. When he was 13 years old, he started working part time with his father, Raymond Clay Sr., 65, who is a contractor.

Everyday after school Clay assisted his father in the field excavating, hauling and digging ditches.

Today, Clay is 30 years old and is the proprietor of Robert Clay Inc., Land Development Contractors. The company was originally known as Raymond Clay Contracting until 1967 when the company became incorporated.

Clay said he gives his father credit for what he has learned about land development and contractors. Born in Laurel, Md., Clay graduated from Harriett Tubman High School and started working as a full time contractor after graduation.

During the 12 years he has been in business he now owns 19 dump trucks, five loaders, and 29 other types of trucks, tractors and loaders used for ditch digging, hauling, excavating, grading and other types of jobs.

Clay recently signed a contract with General Services Administration of the federal govenment to do the site preparation for the new Social Security building scheduled to be built on Greene St., Clay said he expects to complete that job today (Friday).

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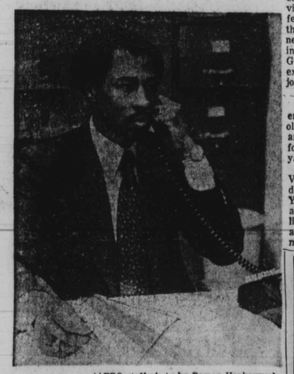
In his spade time, Clay enjoys taking his five-year-old son out on the trucks and often plays basketball, football, or working in his yard.

Clay is married to Mrs. Virginia Clay and has two daughters, Sharon and Yvonne Clay. His brothers are Raymond Clay Jr., a licensed race horse trainer and Roger — Clay. His mother is Mrs. Lula Bell.



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ROBERT CLAY, a young successful contractor spends a few hours each day in his office on West 29th St., after working with his employees on various jobs.

JUST A TOUCH OF CULTURE—Professor Mwalima A. Chinedodzi Anonye, (center) of the Morgan State University History Department, wearing full African attire chats with Ms. Gail Hansberry and Ernest Hammond of the MSU Comprehensive Science Department, shortly after the swearing in of Dr. Andrew Billingsley as the 8th president of the University last week.

Zoo receives two trumpeter swans

The Baltimore Zoo has recently received a pair of trumpeter swans, the largest of all waterfowl. The new acquisition is of particular importance because until recently, this bird was considered an endangered species. They have lost their endangered status because of successful management programs and the discovery of a large population in the wild, but the federal government still protects the bird as a threatened species.

Trumpeter swans once ranged throughout Canada and the north central United States. Today, they are restricted to Alaska, northwestern Canada, and the Red Rock Lakes Migratory Waterfowl Refuge in Montana. This national refuge was established by the federal government in 1935.

Restocking programs have proved successful in Washington, Nevada, and South Dakota, and there is hope that the Trumpeter can be reestablished in parts of its former range. Scientists estimate that there are only 5,000 Trumpeter swans remaining in the world. This is not a large number, compared to the 100,000 whistling swans that winter on the Chesapeake each year.

Trumpeters are completely white and have long, thick, black bills, unlike their whistling cousins which have a yellow patch below the eye. Adults weight about 30 pounds and have a wingspan of 10 feet. They are named for their trumpeting call.

Consumer Council to meet

Robert Moss, chairman of the Maryland Consumer Council, has announced the council will hold its second annual conference on Consumer Affairs on December 4, 1976, at Annapolis, Maryland.

The subject is "Maryland's Public Utilities — Regulation and Consumer Expectation." The conference will begin at 9:30 a.m. to 2:30 p.m.

For futner information call Ms. Caroline Stellman, secretary, Maryland Consumer Council, (301) 383-3707.

Escapee gets life plus 40

A 41-year-old man who was serving a life sentence at a prison camp in Jessup, was given another life sentence plus 40 years Nov. 15 by Judge James W. Murphy.

Robert R. Jones was convicted of Killing a liquor store owner and attempting to rob a savings and loan association Dec. 26.

Jones escaped last August from the camp, where he was serving a life term for sexually assaulting a 14-year-old girl in 1968.

Coppin disputes enrollment figures

Ronald DeSouza said Thursday the enrollment figure for Coppin State College quoted by the news media earlier this week was based on preliminary statistics and that enrollment for the 1976-77 school year has remained essentially the same as in previous year.

"The 8.6 per cent decrease in enrollment reported in the last few days," said the vice president of student affairs, "is believed to have been based on those preliminary statistics which had not been up-dated to properly reflect the true situation."

According to the report released by the school the head count for 1976 was 2949 pupils which is 52 more than the 1975 figure of 2897.

DeSouza did point out however the full time equivalent figure for 1976 dropped 15.06 students from 2,359.45 in '75 to 2,344.39 this year. He also explained the figures are those the college normallyy reports to the state Board of Colleges and Universities.

The 8.6 per cent figure was included in a report released by the Maryland Commission on Higher Education which stated that student enrollment in the state public college increased 1.6 per cent.

The report also said two other black institutions experienced enrollment declines, the University of Maryland Eastern Shore at 12 per cent and Bowie State College at 9.6 per cent.

Only Morgan State University showed an increase in enrollment among the black schools, the report stated, rising 14.5 per cent over last year.

Dr. Cryer to address senior citizens

"Being Well As You Grow Older" will be the topic of a talk to be given by Dr. Theodore H. Cryer, at the Eating Together In Baltimore Program at Christ Church Harbor Apartments, 600 Light St. on Monday, Nov. 29 at 12:30 p.m.

Dr. Cryer, a University of Maryland Medical School graduate is currently chief resident of Ophthalmology at University Hospital.

The program will also feature a movie entitled "Save Your Sight" and staff members from the Maryland Society for the Prevention of Blindness, a Uninted Fund Agency, will be present to do vision screening for those participants who may wish to avail themselves of this service.

Literature on cataract, glaucoma and general eye care will also be avaiible.

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No addifional applications for MCHR

The period for applying for the positions of Executive Director and Deputy Executive Director of the Maryland Commission on Human Relations has ended state officials told the AFRO this week.

A screening committee headed by Lt. Col. William "Box" Harris is interviewing applicants. Over 75 persons, the AFRO has learned, have applied for the top job.

Meanwhile, both the present top men, Elbert L. A. Guillory and Washington Green, deputy director, are remaining on the job.

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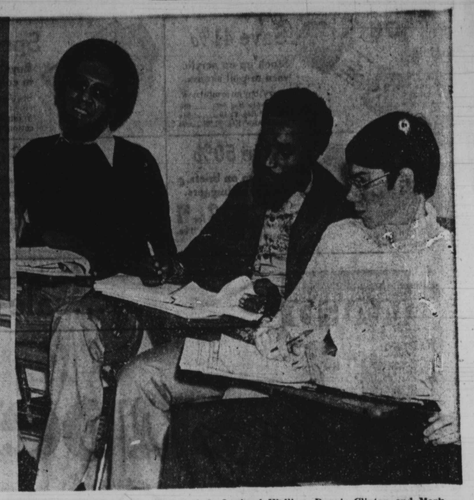
Col. Harris has said they have not been given any date to leave office, and they have not been fired.

There is no date set when their replacements are scheduled to assume office.

STRESSING A POINT—Chairperson Ms. Gretta Middleton, business department of the CCB Harbor Campus, discussing a point about international trade program with Prof. Albert C. Haeger, who is also president of William H. Masson and Co., a local customs brokers. Second panel shows a section of students in the international trade class. They include Leobard Welling, Dennis Clinton and Mark Bohle.



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Means to getting talents for jobs

By Dr. Sidney Kobre

Baltimore is one of the largest ports in the United States and about $8 billion worth of exports and imports move in and out of the harbor each year. More than 60,000 workers are engaged in the shipping business.

With so much business going on, companies engaged in this ocean trade require trained, knowledgeable personnel. Shippers, freight handlers, custom brokers, banks and insurance companies need skilled, competent employees — from office assistants to administrators, who have a broad understanding and persoective on international trade and know the ins-and-outs of the shipping business.

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"This is why the businessmen engaged in international and national trade here are helping to launch successfully the International Trade Harbor Management program at the Harbor Campus of the Community College of Baltimore. They are serving on the advisory board, teaching classes and are looking forward to hiring the CCB grads. Work-study plans have been developed ton.

"It would be natural for a Harbor Campus of a municipal college to seek to develop educational programs related to the port," said Prof. Gretta Middleton, director of the Business Department of the Harbor Campus.

"We are located at Pratt and Lombard Street, right across the street from the Harbor, and from our classrooms, students can see the ocean-going vessels."

Albert C. Haeger, president of William H. Masson and Co., insurance brokers, who is teaching a practical course at the Harbor Campus, said "Many opportunities for students to make careers for themselves in harbor management and foreign trade exist."

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In Baltimore, he said, there are 63 international freight forwarding companies and customs brokers. Coming into the harbor are 90 to 100 steamship lines, serving countries in all parts of the globe. Three major rail and 150 truck lines carry freight to and from the city. It is to be noted that six local banks have international department and 23 marine insurance companies are doing business here. It was a surprise to learn from Mr. Haeger that 21 consulates here conduct foreign business.

All of this activity means jobs for Baltimoreans.

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The curriculum at the Harbor Campus includes a basic course, "Introduction to International Trade," which Mrs. Middleton teaches during the day and Mr. Bynum conducts in the evening. The instructors provide students with an understanding of foreign trade and with perspective on the subject.

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