AFRO CLEAN BLOCK CLUBS ON THE MOVE

More on Baltimore's best

Many hard-working citizens deserve praise as Baltimore's best. AFRO Clean Block workers deserve this accolade.

Here are more of the best.

Mrs. Marion Dicks — 700 W. Lexington St., Lexington-Poe Homes, is a newcomer to the AFRO Clean Block but she has worked very hard to bring all of the Housing units in that project into the Clean Block.

Presently, she has enrolled over 2,000 residents in the project. Last summer she was successful in getting the 75 W. Lexington St. high risers (all 11 floors) to join the campaign. This was a most beautiful sight to see with each floor having decorations along their halls. Mrs. Dicks is also RAB representative for Lexington-Poe Homes.

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Mrs. Eva Burgess — 1900 W. Mosher St., a well known beautician, has been a Clean Blocker for over 20 years. She keeps her block beautiful year-round and it always ranks high in AFRO awards.

Mrs. Perla Gaymon — 1600 Bakbury Ct., Gilmor Homes; another AFRO Clean Block Advisor who worked very hard not only to get her block and neighbors together but to also try and get the other residents of the Gilmor Homes to join her in making that project one of the prettiest in the city.

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Mrs. Alberdha McKinley — 4600 Edgemere Ave. — was a newcomer to the AFRO Clean Block last year but she did a tremendous job in her area. Her block is as long as two blocks but she worked hard getting neighbors together.

You never saw her when she didn't have a smile, no matter how hot it was. She recruited the block behind her and gave them every support. Mrs. McKinley is one of our Clean Blockers who is always willing to give a helping hand when it is needed.

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Mrs. Fannie Holly — 1800 W. Baltimore St., was a newcomer to the AFRO Block last year. She did a fantastic job in her block which is very long with a great deal of traffic. Everyone in the block cooperated with her and they won a top award. Mrs. Holly has willingly helped the AFRO Clean Block this fall in any way she could by making calls or writing letters when necessary. This is another strong AFRO Clean Blocker and we are glad to have you.

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Ms Khadee ja Fatou Mata — 900 N. Gilmor St., has been a very strong Clean Block Advisor in her block. She is persistent about getting things done in her neighborhood.

She has been able to get the best cooperation from city workers for her block. She is a member of the Sandtown-Winchester Neighborhood Association currently trying to build up that area by making it possible for more people to own homes, bringing in the city services to help the neighbors and encourage a super market.

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Mrs. Dorothy Phillips — 1400 E. Lanvale St., has been an ardent Clean Block worker for many years. She not only recruited the blocks around her but brought the youngsters to all the meetings and activities. Each year she plans an outing for her blocks.

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Mrs. Marilyn Rucker, captain of the AFRO Clean Block in the 1100 blk. N. Stricker St., visited the AFRO with color pictures of her block paintings.

"What a coincidence," she said, "we residents of this block had never heard of Alex Haley, author of "Roots," but our minds were on the same route.

"On our empty houses are drawings of a black man in chains, the slave ships, a picture of Frederick Douglass, the Statue of Liberty's hand and the United States flag.

"We used the Motto 'We Shall Overcome' and 'The Spirit of '76.' Our drawings were made by Misses Naomi Knox and Colleen Knox and Mrs. Vanessa Saunders.

"We feel the movie 'Roots' will bring people closer together and make each understand the other better."

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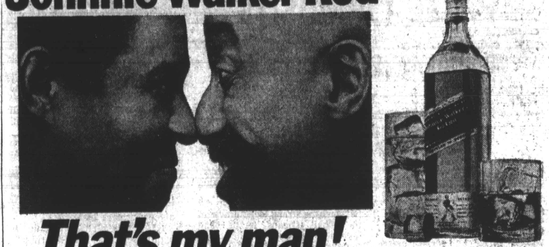

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BLOND WOMAN, 21, and 3 MEN UNDER $160,000 BAIL

Interracial 'Bonnie and Clyde' outfit charged in two bank robberies here

By Elizabeth M. Oliver

When three young black Tennessee men and a young white woman moved in to rob a consortium of Baltimore County banks, early the morning of Feb. 2, they found FBI agents waiting for them.

The Johnson City, Tenn. "Bonnie and Clyde" quartet is now confined to the Federal side of City Jail awaiting trial under a total of $160,00 bail.

The unusual event is a highlight in the [illegible] rash of bank robberies, a total of 10 holdups in 21 days.

STAKEOUT

According to FBI agents, the bank robberies were coming so fast one after another and sometimes two and three a day, that they were forced to form a stakeout plan of "likely banks."

This accounts for the fact that they were on the scene when the Tennessee foursome arrived in Metropolitan Baltimor and were able in Hollywood fashion to dramatically "cut them off at the pass."

Incidentally, three other bank holdups occurred the same morning the Tennessee suspects were nabbed

THE SUSPECTS

The Tennessee folks arrested and [illegible] ally with the Wednesday 9:05 a.m. Feb. 2 bank robbery are:

CATHERINE ANKE, 21, white, Johnson City, Tenn., $25,000 bail.

DAVID BELTON, 43 black, Kingston, Tenn., $75,000 bail.

DANNY SIMON, 22, black, Kingston, Tenn., $25,000 bail

HUBERT STOREY, 23, black, Johnson City, Tenn., $35,000 bail.

Although the holdup was foiled by the swift moving FBI and Baltimore County police, the Tennessee four are technically charged not with attempted bank robbery but "bank robbery."

THE BANK

The FBI records do not reveal exactly how the Tennessee suspects reached the two banks:

The Mercantile and Safe Deposit and Trust Co., Liberty and Rolling Roads.

The Equitable Trust Co Liberty and Old Court Roads.

However, FBI records show a fifth individual was apprehended and questioned as a possible "getaway car" suspect.

The report states that the man who has not been charged was seen speeding away from the Equitable Trust Co. as suspects Belton and the young white woman Ms. Kane, were being arrested.

The car is described as a green "Mustang Mach I."

HOLDUP NOTE

According to FBI records, Equitable Trust incident involving the 21-year-old woman and the older man, Belton, had no evidence of intended gun play. When arrested, the woman had a note in her hand.

FBI records show when one of the agents stepped up and made the arrest at the bank door, he took the note from her hand.

It read, "This is a stickup. Put all 100's, 50's and 20's in the bag and you won't get hurt".

Records show Belton had a small attache case in his hand.

BANK DOOR LOCKED

The Mercantile Trust incident involving young Simon and Storey is reported as happening this way.

FBI agents were watching the bank at 9 am., when they noted the two Tennessee men approaching the bank along with a customer.

The bank door was locked and guarded from the inside by a FBI agent who quickly unlocked the door and pulled the customer in. He then locked the door back again.

FBI reports say when the two Tennessee men this action they took off running".

Records also show as they ran along the getaway route they dropped a coat contained this note: "This is a robbery. Put all this money in the bag right now."

FBI agents report they also dropped a chrome plated fully loaded 32 revolver.

After a short chase, FBI agents and Baltimore County police department detectives made the double arrest.

The announcement on the Tennessee outfit's arrest was officially announced by George C. Quinn, special agent in charge of the FBI office and Chief Joseph Gallen of the Baltimore County Police Dept.

OTHER BANK HEISTS

The same [illegible] Tennessee quartet holdup attempt and just two hours later, at 11 a.m., FBI records show two men robbed the Union Trust Bank at 2026 Harford Rd.

According to an announcement by Agent in charge Quinn, both men entered the bank together. One approached the victim teller and handed her a note demanding money. No weapons were displayed.

After receiving an unannounced amount of cash, records show the two men ran from the bank. The bank manager was alerted by the teller after which the manager attempted to follow one of the robbers on foot.

10 BLOCK CHASE

After a chase that encompassed some [illegible] blocks, the bank manager lost sight of the robbers.

Based on the description of clothing, a suspect was returned to the bank and positively identified by bank employees as being one of the robbers.

FBI reports say that individual is Wesley Curry, 21, 212 E. Preston St.

FBI reports state subsequent investigation by the FBI and Baltimore City Police identify a second suspect as Tyrone Hawkins 26, who also resides at 212 E. Preston St. Hawkins and Curry are cousins.

Curry was turned over to the FBI by city police and appeared before U.S. Magistrate Paul Rosenberg for arraignment. Tyrone Hawkins was being sought by authorities.

HOWARD STREET BANK

Wayland Willard Talley, 26, 2102 Poplar Grove St., is charged with the Jan. 25 holdup of the Loyola Federal Savings and Loan, 331 N. Howard St.

His arrest was based on response from a photo published on TV of the bank photo taken during the holdup.

FBI reports show Talley, arrested at his home early on Feb. 3, is employed as a Bethlehem Steel welder.

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