Join AFRO's 43rd Annual Clean Block Campaign

Free Oriole tickets when you register your block

(Photo by Arnetta Lottier)

Mrs. Minnie Williams (second from left) AFRO Clean Block Advisor for 2400 Lakeview Ave., received a gift from Marguerite Woods, (left) Reservoir Hill Community Association; Alton West, Health Department and Ms. Joyce Smith, director Reservoir Hill Community Association for her work in her neighborhood, at the Lakewood Improvement Association party last week.

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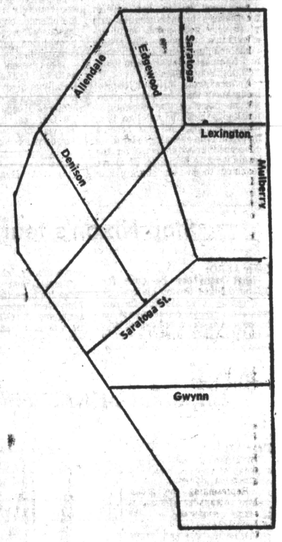
One group of the Ebonaire dancers who entertained the Lakeview Improvement Association at their third anniversary party last week at the John Eager Howard recreation center. Shown here are: (l to r) — Stephanie Smith, Marcene Parish, Dorothy Armstrong and Renee Lentz.

Bulk trash pick-up Sat. in these areas.

There will be a bulk clean-up this Saturday in the Mulberry-Monastery area. Streets included in the area are: 300 Allendale St.; 200, 300 Edgewood St.; 200-300 Denison St.; 3400, 3600 W. Saratoga St.; 3500 W. Lexington St.; 3400, 3500, 3600 W. Mulberry St.; 100, 200 Caton Ave.; 300, 400 Gwynn Ave.

Notify your neighbors about the bulk trash pick-up so they can clear out their basements and yards and pile the stuff neatly in the alley for sanitation to pick it up.

Mulberry - Monastery



Dangerous rat traps stolen by children

Rodent Control of the Health Department put out these traps to catch live rats to send to Troy, N.Y. for study to see what kind of diseases these rats carry.

Area children were seen playing with the wire cages and the 20 traps disappeared.

Please be warned that if children or pets get hold of the poison they will get sick or be very dead.

If rats are in the cages, they are very dangerous and even after the rat is released the cages will retain the fleas.

Anyone having knowledge of these wire traps Call Claude Patterson, Rodent Control, 396-4060.

Warning! Parents and adults in the areas of Whatcoat and Mosher Streets and Bright Street off Edmondson Avenue.

This newspaper cannot understand why children would steal baited traps.

However, last week the Health Department put out 20 baited rat traps. Ten were placed in the area of Whatcoat and Mosher St. and 10 in the 600 Bright St. off Edmondson.

Crown Junior Oriole kits

Any youngster 16 or under may purchase a Junior Oriole Ticket Kit for $1.75 at Matthews Crown Gasoline Station at Gwynns Falls Parkway near Mondawmin or any Crown Central Station.

Each Junior Oriole Ticket Kit contains 10 tickets for Oriole home games. Plus the kit contains discount tickets for food and entertainment, decals, schedules and a lot of nifty stuff.

Early Bird AFRO Clean Blocks will receive free Oriole tickets as a reward for registering their blocks.

Lakeview Anniversary Party

The Lakeview Neighborhood Association for the Improvement of Relationships Between Landlords and Tenants held its Third Anniversary Celebration last Friday evening at the John Eager Howard Recreation Center, Mrs. Minnie Williams, AFRO Clean Block Advisor for the 2400 block of Lakeview Ave. organized the affair.

Prize winning money from the AFRO Clean Block Campaign was used at the celebration for prizes and refreshments along with donations from neighbors. One landlord, Mrs. Dee Wright, who owns property in the vicinity heard Mrs. Williams plea for help brought $5. and three pairs of earrings to be used as prizes. Coca-Cola donated sodas for the affair.

AFRO Clean Block and Urban Services certificates were given to the youngsters who worked hard all year to keep the area clean.

Also receiving certificates were: Ms. Joyce Smith, Director, Reservoir Hill Community Association; Ms. Marguerite Woods, Reservoir Hill Community Association; Alton West, Health Department;

John Eager Howard Recreation Center staff received certificates including Charles Robinson, director; Mrs. Frances Carr, senior leader; Charles Ross, Charles Harris, Miss Marie Delacroix, and Miss Renee Lentz.

Three neighbors who have been such willing workers during the year received the earrings along with their certificates. They were: Mesdames Mollie Battle, Beulah Kelly and Barbara Kelly.

Entertainment was provided by the Ebonaires, a modern dance group taught at the recreation center by Ms. Renee Lentz.

Over 100 youngsters attended this celebration and had a grand time. Following the dance groups, there was open dancing and it looked like all the youngsters participated from 17 months to 20-years-old.

Prizes were given to the best dancers in the dance contest. Would you believe 17-month-old, "Gee-Gee" Payne won first prize? This little fella could really dance. There was nothing bashful about him.

Last but not least, was the small cash prize given to Ronald Thompson who has been a continous help for three years to Mrs. Minnie Williams in helping to keep things going in the area. Final plans for the anniversary celebration were made by him. This is a fine teenager and we are very proud of him.

Mrs. Williams says she had planned to give the leadership of this block organization over to someone else this year but because the youngsters have tried so hard to cooperate with her she will go it another year. Glad to hear it Mrs. Williams, you have done a fine job in your area. Hope you can get the cooperation of all your block this year.

A bottle of cologne and a card saying "It's Nice to Know You" was given to Mrs. Williams by the Reservoir Hill Community Association and Alton West, Health Department.

Patterson-Luzerne Tour held recently by the Community Taking Action and Neighborhood Housing Services brought city representatives from many departments. A few of them shown resting after the two hour tour include Ms. Cherry MacKee, Mayor's Office; R. Scriber, Health Department; Mrs. Marguerite Campbell, Mayor's Office and neighborhood captains.

AFRO Clean Block needs you and $ $ $

Thousands of youngsters willingly volunteer to clean-up their block in the AFRO-AMERICAN's annual Clean Block Campaign.

This much needed drive helps rid our surrounding of unsightly litter and filth . . . Each year it is necessary to establish a Clean Block Prize fund to buy paint, flowers and window boxes for needy blocks and reward the youngsters of the close of the campaign.

Can we count on you to play an important part again this year? All contributions will be acknowledged in the AFRO on the Clean Block page. Make all checks payable to AFRO Charities; it's tax deductible.

Yes! We Will Help!

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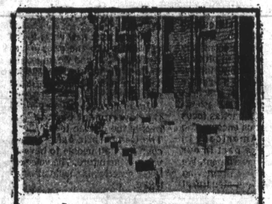
All groups making contributions of $50.00 or more will have picture made at a Clean Block meeting.



43rd ANNUAL AFRO CLEAN BLOCK CAMPAIGN APPLICATION BLANK

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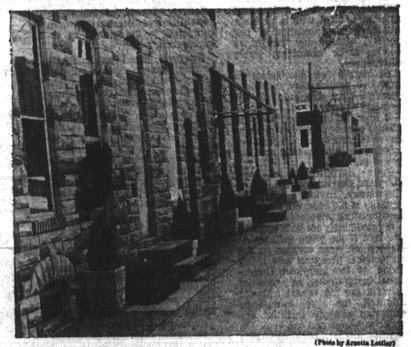
Park Heights Community Corporation holds meeting

Park Heights Community Corporation held a meeting with members and residents of Virginia Ave. Environmental Association recently.

They discussed community participation, housing rehabilitation, housing services, summer jobs core, recreations and sanitation as well as various trips scheduled for the youth during the summer months.

If you live in this community, you can call on this organization for help in housing, education, recreation, transportation, social development and growth.

Attending the meeting were members of the executive board, Ronald Thomas, president; J. Howard Young, 2nd vice president. Also Morris Iles, executive director; Ms. Doris Robinson, community organizer; Ms. Barbara Fleming, community service specialist; Mrs. Rosa McDaniels, Park Heights Community Rodent Control.



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200 blk. N. Patterson Park Ave. has white containers with evergreens beside the steps of each house. Mrs. Matilda Koval is block captain and president of the Community Taking Action group in the area.

Murphy Homes Clean-Up Program

George B. Murphy Homes has started a beautification program with the theme "Better Living Through Community Cooperation." They have also been accepted in the Target Projects Program (TPP) which is federally funded to improve and uplift projects.

Ms. Mary Clayborne, WWIN, will be guest speaker on May 23 at 1 p.m. at the Community building, 730 George St. on the responsibilities of women in the community and homes.

Welcome to Mrs. Hattie Turner, the new Administrative Assistant at the George B. Murphy homes. She will be working with the tenants on the beautification program.

(Photo by Arnetta Lottier)

Clean Block visited school No. 18 last week to talk to this second grade class about joining the AFRO Clean Block as part of their Social Studies program on neighborhoods. They are learning about urban, suburban and rural neighborhoods and the problems in keeping them clean. Shown here are teachers: Medames Dalthenia Gregory, Alma Stewart, Edith Hare, Regina Smith, Marie Worrell. Students are: Lamont Bowden, Lori Brown, Lester Byrd, Dwayne Ganty, Michelle Carter, Denise Chase, Roy Chandler, Joseph Clark, Kelvin Cullins, Michael Dixon, Anissa Edison, Tania Edwards, Tyra Fellows, Lisa Fleet, Yvette Haskins, Carl Higgs, Damon Hill, Anthony Hyman, Rodney Izzard, Keith Jones, Alfie Jordan, Monica Lofton, Jerome McKoy, Derrick McLeod, Richard Mitchell, Anthony Owens, Umar Reed, Juanita Skinner, Sheldon Todd, Cornell Williams, Larry Young, Curtis Ezell.

Have Egg McMuffins spoiled 'Du' Burns' chances in '79?

Is Clarence "Du" Burns's dream of becoming Baltimore's first black City Council president going the way of all flesh? Is that dream being burned up in the deep fat of a McDonald's fryer?

Have those carefully-made plans gone down the drain in the aftermath of Burns' insistence on helping William L. "Little Willie" Adams? Adams wants a McDonald's restaurant in the Fourth District Mondawmin Mall, miles away from the councilman's own Second District turf and Burns has given him that support in the council.

For whatever reasons he may give for his dogged insistence in aiding Adams, has Burns not only botched chances he might have had in capturing the council presidency, but given some West Baltimore politicians, and more importantly, some residents, a legitimate excuse for openly opposing his candidacy?

In a telephone interview Wednesday evening, Burns had this to say.

"Now look," he began, "I think you have to look at the whole story. Because a man's name is Willie Adams, there is no reason to kick him in the behind. I do believe those people over there (in the Fourth District) are wrong. I think that the council should not become involved in this affair and should bring the bill to the floor and either vote it up or down."

Monday night in a move by a McDonald opponent, Michael B. Mitchell, D-4th, the bill permitting the siting of the restaurant in the mall was returned to the council's Judiciary Committee after it had been called out, in a surprise move, by committee vice chairman, Mary Pat Clarke, D-2nd.

"I think that you ought to give all citizens who make an investment the same consideration," Burns continued, "I think this time I'm right."

Burns told the AFRO he toured the West Baltimore area near the shopping center to talk with residents and personally gauged their views.

"I walked past the area where Verda (Welcome) lives around Holmes Ave. People in that neighborhood could care less. Most of the people there don't seem to be against it. Many said they have nothing against McDonald's, they just want to see it there. I ran up against that, too," he added.

The councilman said his seat doesn't belong to him, "It belongs to the people." But admitted that he will do anything in his power to help Mr. Adams obtain council approval for the restaurant.

Burns said also he can't be intimidated and "it isn't fair not to do anything on the bill but sit on it."

As to the effect all this may have on his political future, he acknowledged, "The same people out there who are against me are the same people who I have had trouble with even before I entered politics, all of my life. They would have never supported me for president of the council and I know it."

He insisted he still has the same friends in West Baltimore he has always had and cited in particular State Sen. Clarence W. Blount and Del. Arthur G. Murphy. "I don't feel as though I have lost everything," he declared.

Burns asked a reporter, "Is the AFRO unhappy because of the way things have gone?"

The council vice president said race unity will never come for black people "and that you (the AFRO) are wasting your time trying to bring it about. No one has ever ACHIEVED IT. No group in this country.

"Even old man Murphy (Dr. Carl Murphy, late AFRO publisher), with the kind of respect he had in this community, was never able to pull it off. So I don't know why you (the AFRO) are continuing to try. You can't get all black people to think alike. But you can get all of them to say the same thing. It will never happen. It hasn't happened for the Jews, the Italians, the Irish—for no other group in this country. And it is not going to happen for black folks."

Burns swore his assistance to Adams and the attendant conflict with the Mitchells, Mrs. Welcome and Dr. Emerson R. Julian, D-4th. "is not an East-West fight" and insisted that the newspapers, particularly the AFRO, were making it such.

"As soon as this is over, I think that Verda and I would sit down and talk things over," he asserted.

"I have the same friends have always had. I may in West Baltimore that I have lost some votes, but I still have the same friends," he concluded.

Regarding the 1979 elections, a number of politicians queried by the AFRO say that time is still a "long way off" and that "anything can happen and probably will."

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Engineers donate $500 to MSU

A group of six Baltimore area engineers donated $650 to Morgan State University's Pre-Engineering Program to support the studies of aspiring black engineering students.

Representing the group, Mr. Alexander Dixon, a senior engineer at the Baltimore Gas and Electric Company, presented the gift to Dr. Julius Taylor, Pre-Engineering Program Advisor, and Mr. William Phelps, Morgan Director of Financial Aid.

Mr. Dixon said the other benefactors chose not to be identified.

The University's Pre-Engineering Program provides either three or four years of pre-professional preparation to engineering majors. Students then spend the remaining year or two years completing the degree at an accredited engineering school.

At the end of either five year option, the student receives both the bachelors degree from Morgan and an engineering degree from the school of engineering attended.

Last year, the group of engineers donated $900 to the program. One recipient of the monies has been accepted to the University of Pennsylvania School of Material Science.

Mr. Dixon said the group hopes to make a similar contribution to the program in November.

Man, 31, stabbed to death

A 31-year-old man who attempted to stop another man from borrowing money from his estranged wife was found dead Tuesday in the kitchen of a north Baltimore apartment.

Louis Water, of the 5000 block Parkside Garden Dr., was stabbed several times in the chest and abdomen. Police report Joel King, 30, of the 4400 block Pall Mall Rd. has been charged with murder.

Police report Mrs. Karen Water, 29, was approached by King who demanded that she give him some money. According to police, Mrs. Water managed to give King $50 that she borrowed from two friends.

Mrs. Water then called her husband and reported that King had been after her for money. Police report that when Water went to King's home to discuss the situation, King allegedly stabbed him.

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