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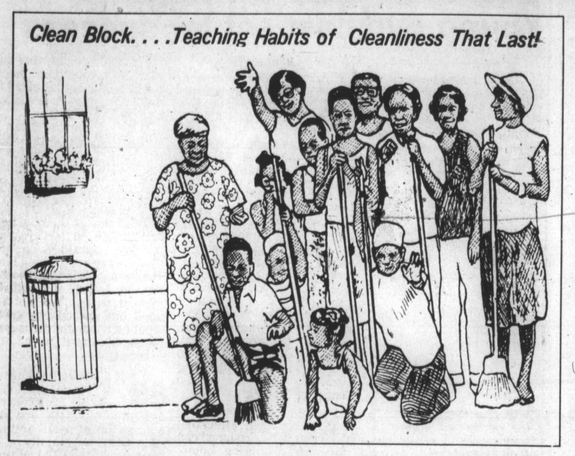

High season for rats and for excuses

By Gloria Howe,
AFRO Correspondent

June 24, 1988—" This is the high season for rats, and we get fifty complaints a day" says Rat Rub Out Representative, Robert Mergehenn at last Friday's Clean Block meeting, which was held at the McCulloh Homes Sr. Citizens Center.

Private property sectors were the main issues discussed and City Housing Representative, Sal Mamone, was faced with vacant lot complaints, as is often the case. Several concerned city residents grew restless with the responses they were given about the question of how to handle rat problems and the irresponsible practices of trash collectors.

"If there are three or more to a family living in one small housing complex, and there are sanitation problems, then it is up to you and your landlord to take care of it" says Mamone. Clean Blockers grew angrier at some of the responses they received, and demanded to know when their complaints would be taken care of, regardless of who's responsibility it was.

(Photo by Paul A. Greene)

Vanessa Wilson, Branch Officer of the Howard Street Branch of Provident Bank of Maryland, presents a check in the amount of $100.00 to Gloria Howe, AFRO Charities Correspondent and assistant to the Director of AFRO Charities. The money will go toward assisting inner city neighborhoods in their battle against rats, which becomes more intense during the summer months.

Diane Thompson, of the 1100 of Sara Ann Street suggested placing flyers around the Clean Block areas to promote more neighborhoods to participate, and to monitor their own cleaning habits to avoid rodent infestations.

Clean Block is still receiving support from city officials and from independent business. For example Vanessa Wilson, Branch Officer of the Howard Street office of Provident Bank, has donated $100.00. These and other contributions will be allocated and used to support the problems of the clean block neighborhoods in Baltimore City.

Rules and Regulations

PURPOSE

The purpose of this campaign is to help create a clean living environment throughout the summer.

EXPLANATION

A block is a row of 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.

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

Windows should be kept clean and curtains hung neatly.

Garbage and trash cans should be removed as soon as they are emptied.

Porches and window-boxes should have flowers or plants.

No one should sit at the front window or on the front steps, unless his clothing is neat and clean.

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

Do not whitewash trees or curbs; only the backyards and fences may be whitewashed.

JUDGES

Judges, appointed by the director, will choose the winning blocks in the following ways:

1. The appearance of the block at the time of inspection.
2. How the block has improved since the beginning of the campaign.
3. The beauty of the flowers.

Judges may make as many inspections as they see fit. The director's decision will be final in all cases.

BLOCK ORGANIZATION

The captain must get as many members of the block as possible to sign up and send their names immediately to the AFRO - AMERICAN Newspapers.

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

Each block must elect a secretary, who will record what is done at each meeting and send written reports to the AFRO.

Each block must elect a block inspector, who will see that no trash accumulates anywhere in the block.

Each block must elect a marshall, who will call out the cleanup brigade at a definite time each day.

MEETINGS

The captain or advisor must attend the weekly meetings. You must be sure to sign the attendance sheet.

At least three other members from the block should attend weekly meetings.

Contributions thus far. . .

Housing Authority of Baltimore City, NPA	$2,500.00
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Miss Thelma F. Johnson	5.00
TOTAL TO DATE:	$6,900.17

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14 city principals leave mark of excellence

Fourteen principals retired from the Baltimore City school system at the end of this school year, taking with them over 300 years of experience.

"Each of these principals has given selflessly and energetically to the children, the parents, and the communities served by our schools," said Superintendent Alice Pinderhughes, as the school board said a "sad and slightly nostalgic goodbye" Thursday night. The retiring principals include:

Herbert Findeison will be leaving Hamilton Middle School after a year.

Before this assignment, he had led Robert Poole, bringing together a disparate community, transforming a junior high into a middle school, and successfully shepherding the school's overdue renovation project.

Mr. Findeison brought the advanced academic program to Robert Poole, encouraging both students and staff to take on a new, demanding curriculum. When outside problems spilled over into the school, the principal mobilized the neighborhood, the staff, the students, and the agencies of the city to solve those problems.

He provided the sort of leadership that transforms people into a community.

Estelle Brown, the principal of Duke Ellington Elementary, has also administered Cross Country and Fort Worthington Elementary Schools.

She is a master of effective staff development, consistently improving the professional skills of her faculties.

Dr. Brown brings together the resources available in the community to make her schools effective learning centers.

She is a master of community outreach, forging parent volunteers into a valuable auxiliary force in the school. Through the achievement directed leadership program, student achievement at Duke Ellington improved.

Maurice Robinson will step down from the helm of Dunbar Middle School, where his students have been winning writing contest prizes annually. Over the years, Mr. Robinson has compiled a roster of compelling professional experiences.

Having been one of the original job corps teachers and an innovator in the community schools, he was a member of the group sent to Harvard for professional development.

He was also one of the first principals trained for middle school conversions. This highly intelligent principal has used all his training to make his school a special place for teaching and learning.

When Bessie Eggleston announced that she plans to retire from Robert Coleman Elementary, the community was more than a little saddened.

Ms. Eggleston is, by everyone's standards, an outstanding principal whose relationship with students, staff, parents, and the community is especially warm and caring. She has used every community resource — colleges, neighbors, the Peabody, and business to augment her program.

In her singularly child-centered school, children and teachers are expected to do their best, to perform well, to succeed — and they wouldn't disappoint a principal like Bessie Eggleston.

Patapsco's principal Natalie Woodson is a leader who rolls up her sleeves and participates in various aspects of the school program. She has been a pioneer in the school uniform project.

Ms. Woodson is a vivacious, enthusiastic administrator, whose parents and staff feel an abiding affection for her.

Natalie Woodson leads Patapsco's honors club; she leads Patapsco's reading club; she teaches Patapsco's character education curriculum. The community will miss her.

Walter Dudley, the strong, quiet principal, of Lafayette Elementary, is an exemplary manager.

His efficiency moves his staff and students toward consistent accomplishments.

Throughout the southern district, the principals will feel the loss of Walter Dudley's energy and commitment in the cooperative undertakings that are a meaningful part of their annual activities.

Solomon Karen is among our most experienced principals. Because he is a skilled mobilizer of groups to achieve a common purpose, he has been consistently involved in southern district projects.

A talented professional, Mr. Karen is known for his kindness and compassion, as he relates to the individual child or staff member.

Carolyn Hoes came to Curtis Bay Elementary from Victory Elementary School. A sensitive and caring leader, she is deeply involved in instruction and curriculum. Parents find her reassuring in her understanding and fairness.

She has been innovative and determined as she worked to secure programs to enhance her school.

Hamilton Elementary School's principal Gwendolyn Rooks is a superb administrator who has used her wealth of experience as an elementary curriculum specialist to make Hamilton into a school characterized by excellence in every aspect.

At Hamilton, the children's achievement scores are consistently high. The old building is in apple pie order and the established community has been forged into a working unit with common purpose. The professionalism and grace of Mrs. Rooks will not be easily replaced.

Northern's principal Elizabeth Edmonds left us at mid-year. She has led both middle and high schools, bringing her administrative talents to Booker T. Washington, Northern Parkway, Western, and Southwestern before her final stint at Northern.

An English teacher and English department head, she was a forceful advocate for high standards, correct and appropriate language use, and the highest expectations of staff and students.

Ms. Edmonds' work on the board of middle states has brought useful experience to the schools of Baltimore.

Maxine Wood is leaving Guilford Elementary School to become an assistant to the superintendent of schools in Arlington, Virginia.

During her tenure at Guilford, she developed an innovative program, sending her staff out into the larger community to explore, learn, grow, and bring new ideas back to the staff and the children.

Dr. Wood is a calm, efficient, effective administrator. The Guilford school community will miss her.

At the Arlington School, Rose Gallop has mobilized all the skills she gained as a classroom teacher, a demonstration teacher, and principal of Springhill Elementary School to improve the performance and the image of her student body.

She has used the energy of the Northeast Outreach Project to involve the businesses and neighbors in the Arlington area. More and more, she has extended the influence of the school into all its constituencies.

Rose Gallop has a special talent for working with teachers and helping them realize all their potential strengths. Mrs. Gallop will leave her mark on the Arlington School.

Claire Dorsey came to Cross Country Elementary School with an established record of administrative success already behind her. In this final assignment, we asked her to build the school's instructional program and to work creatively with all the elements of a highly diverse community.

Mrs. Dorsey fulfilled all our hopes. She has brought intelligence, compassion, and energy to her school. She will not be easily replaced.

Lloyd Parham has been a Joseph Briscoe since the opening of the school, first as department head and assistant principal and now, for more than a decade, as principal of the school.

He has been part of the transformation of Briscoe into a middle and senior high school for emotionally handicapped children.

Under his administration, Briscoe was assigned the services of a full time psychologist and social worker. It is hard to imagine the Joseph C. Briscoe School without the presence of Lloyd Parham.

For the past year, Vivian Jackson has served as the skilled and knowledgeable administrative assistant to Dr. Craig Spilman in the division of curriculum management.

Prior to her current assignment, she was the principal of Belmont Elementary School. At Belmont, Ms. Jackson's pupils grew, learned, and developed academically at a rate that exceeded every reasonable expectation.

Viet vets find help at community center

By Jeanette Gibson
AFRO Correspondent

A son home from war steps off the plane and walks towards his mother and family.

Unsure and half expecting a warm smile, misty eyes and a hug from his mother, he sees her silently cringe.

He does not understand why her eyes momentarily recoil at the sight of him.

The mother tearfully welcomes her son a moment later, but the perceived rejections is only one that many Vietnam veterans encountered after the war.

"Normally, experiences recede into memory and do not compete with conscious thought. If it is traumatic enough, it is experienced over and over, like being in an earthquake, says James Workman, team leader of the Vet Center on Washington Boulevard. The center helps Vietnam veterans cope with resuming life.

"Once you live in an intense situation, you can sense emotions," Workman said, as he described the mother-son reunion. "There was an initial reaction to the son. (The mother) looked away after seeing the look of death (on the son). (The vet) is looking to get confirmation that he is all right. He didn't know how he had changed. He thought he was the same person."

Post Traumatic Stress Disorders are delayed reactions that surface years after the war, ranging from anger, guilt, and anxiety to substance abuse.

Trauma can also create relationship or decision problems with his own children, says Workman.

Veterans often believe they know the cause for existing problems and never associate the was as a cause, Worman said.

"It's a sometimes very painful process; they are so far removed from it," he said. "They say 'This guy is wrong.' In efforts to avoid anxiety, they get methods of coping that are detrimental, like drinking or drugs." For example, if you have a vision of someone dying, you may drink. If you drink for 20 years, you have a drinking problem. We seek a release from discomfort."

Black veterans bore an extra burden when witnessing rioting or being assigned riot duty after coming home, Workman said.

Even more traumatic to many returning veterans was their use, almost immediately upon arrival in the States, to help quell rioting which took place in 1967 and 1968 in American cities.

For veterans just returning from the front, fighting a battle on the streets of their hometown only served to fuel the feelings of confusion and desperation some harbored.

Mental health professionals are often reluctant to counsel veterans because the boundary between mental illness and reality is blurred with Vietnam veterans, says Workman.

"Psychologists still don't want to deal with it because it is not, for example, a problem from someone's childhood. He is considered 'sick,' but a Vietnam vet's experience is real for a person, just as they are. You also expose yourself. One rule for counselors is not to get caught up (in patients' problems), so the division is blurred," says Workman.

Veteran Chuck Engelbrecht says he experienced rejection from public demonstrators and family, but takes responsibility for using alcohol and drugs to cope with his memories.

"I feel like I've lost half of my life and I resent that I lost half of my youth and growing up normal. Normally, you buy a car, think about getting married, raise a family . . . I grew up shooting and getting shot. But you can't use it as a crutch," says Engelbrecht.

Group counseling from the Vet Center helps Rudi Donschikowski cope with anger, claustrophobia and sleeplessness that was connected to his Vietnam experience.

"We don't swap stories. We concentrate on what's bothering us and what adjustments we need to make. It's not . . . bragging about the war; it tends to relate to a problem," says Donschikowski.

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