Clean Block Prizes Awarded

Rousing War Send-Off Given 231st Battalion

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AFRO Drive Won by 600 Archer St.

B-U-L-L-E-T-I-N

More than 1500 clean blockers crowded into the Met Theatre this morning (Friday) to see 154 blocks get cash awards in the AFRO Clean Block Campaign. Mayor D'Alesandro brought greetings to the children, who thrilled to a talent show provided by their own members.

A small South Baltimore street, the block of 600 Archer St., which the 119 residents have turned into a veritable beautyland, wins the $100 first prize in the AFRO Clean Block Campaign.

This block, which is located south from Washington Blvd., west of Scott St., is the unanimous choice of judges and wins over 257 other blocks entered in the 16th annual competition, which opened July 1 and closed Sept. 1.

Glistening Paint

All of the 38 five-room houses in the winning block are trimmed in glistening green and white paint and flowers adorn the fronts.

Cemented and flower-decorated backyards, as pretty as the fronts, are enclosed in wire fences, painted green and trimmed with silver.

Work in this small street, located in the oldest section of the city where the houses are 75 years old or over, was done under the leadership of Colles Rooks, captain, who celebrates her twelfth birthday anniversary on Sept. 3.

Runners-Up Pretty Too

Almost as pretty as the winning block are the two other top prize winners, 1700 Dallas St., which takes second prize of $50; and 1800 Spring St., $40 third prize.

Both of these blocks are small streets in East Baltimore where the workers have exhibited unusual talent in developing clean and attractive streets in sections where houses are very old and they had to overcome many disadvantages.

All Houses Painted

The 1700 Dallas St. block, bounded by Caroline and Bond Sts. has as captain energetic Mrs. Susie Stanback, who led her 17 workers in painting all of the 27 houses, whitewashing 82 back fences and cleaning backyards.

Incidentally, the 700 block of Dallas is one of the few cobblestone streets in the city and plans call for it to be paved when funds are available from the current city budget.

Third prize winner, 1800 Spring St., bounded by Caroline St. and Harford Rd., just below North Ave., has as captain, 12-year-old Ralph Lane, who saw to it that the woodwork of the 40 houses was painted, flowers put into window boxes and pots, and backyards cleaned.

Douglass Courts Win

By copping the first two cash awards given for housing project courts, Douglass Homes in East Baltimore wins the title of the best housing project of the six entered in the campaign.

The $25 first prize in this division goes to 200-224 Spring Ct. of which Juanita Adams is captain. Second prize of $15 is awarded to 200-225 Silver Ct., where Constance Bowser, Audrey Brooks and Barbara Green are co-captains.

Grass is well-kept in both of these courts, pretty flowers are blooming in both back and front yards and fences are freshly painted.

Poe Homes Court Third

Deciding factor was the yard at 224 Spring Ct., where Mrs. Beverly Bailey has developed a beautiful flower garden which gives the edge to this court.

Third prize winner of $12.50 in this division is 205 Amity Ct. in Poe Homes of which Barbara Selby is captain, the only court in this project which kept up its good appearance and maintained its original A-plus rating.

147 Others Rewarded

In addition to the top prizes already listed, cash prizes of $996.25 go to 147 other blocks throughout the city for beauty, improvement and cleanliness.

Prize money was made available by Mayor D'Alesandro and the City Council, which gave $500; interested citizens and organizations and the AFRO-AMERICAN Company.

Under the direction of Mrs.

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THE WINNERS

Regular Blocks

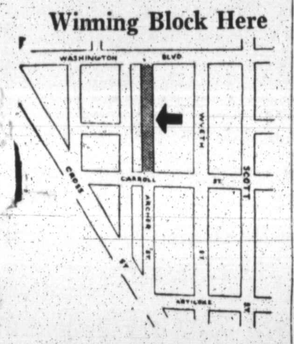
1st prize—$100
—600 Archer—124 points
2nd prize—$50
—1700 Dallas—123.5 points
3rd prize—$40
—1800 Spring—123 points

Project Courts

1st prize—$25—200-224 Spring Ct., Douglass Homes — 123 points
2nd prize—$15—200-225 Silver Ct., Douglass Homes — 123 points
3rd prize — $12.50 — 205 Amity Ct., Poe Homes—122 points

Blocks were judged on beauty, improvement and cleanliness. Highest number of points a block could get totals 125 points. Other prizes totaling $996.25 go to 147 other blocks. See complete list inside.

Winning Block Here



Map showing location of 600 block Archer St., in South Baltimore which took first prize of $100 in AFRO Clean Block campaign.

24TH UNIT CAUGHT IN TRAP BY ENEMY

Schools to Be More Crowded

Enrollment to Soar Over 37,000 of '49

HENDERSON BACK

No Teacher Shortage in Elementary Grades

"Schools will be more crowded than was anticipated. We will go well over the 37,000 mark of last year, when the doors open on Sept. 6," Elmer A. Henderson, assistant superintendent of schools, told the AFRO Thursday.

Mr. Henderson is expected to be at his desk when the schools open after having been out ill several months last term.

"The shift in population in the west and northwest sections increases the crowded conditions in that area. We are feeling the pinch more in the elementary grades at present," he continued.

Hope that the crowded conditions would be eased before this

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Althea-Torsten Win Another

By SAM LACY
AFRO Sports Editor

FOREST HILL, N.Y.—The team of Althea Gibson and Torsten Johansson moved into the quarter-finals of the National Mixed Doubles Championships late Thursday, defeating the combination of Barbara Scarlett of Baltimore and Jean Ducos of France, 6-2, 8-6.

It marked the second match in as many days that Miss Gibson went through without a single loss of service.

Gaining more and more poise with each game, the ATA woman champion sent sizzling service aces past the ears of her Swedish partner time after time. Only once in five turns to serve did Miss Gib-

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Debut at Forest Hills Creditable

Miss Althea Gibson, who with her Swedish partner, Torsten Johansson, won their second match in the National Mixed Doubles Championships at Forest Hills on Thursday. The Gibson-Johansson duo by their straight-set defeat of two formidable tennis mixed doubles teams move into the quarter-final rounds of the National Forest Hills Lawn Tennis tourney.

Wood's Car Total Wreck

Three Baltimoreans were injured Thursday morning when their car collided with a truck 40 miles outside Louisville.

All three escaped with minor injuries, but their car, which ran into a ditch and climbed an embankment, is regarded as a total loss.

AFRO Man Suffers Bruises

James Wood, AFRO reporter, was at the wheel and was bruised about the head and chest. His brother, John (Junky) was bleeding from the mouth and nose and

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Situation Held Rather Serious

'Moderate to Heavy' Casualties Reported

REDS ATTACKING

Regiment Bombed Earlier by Mistake

By JAMES HICKS
AFRO War Correspondent
With 24th Regiment

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WITH THE 24TH INFANTRY REGIMENT IN KOREA—The 24th Infantry Regiment had its second battalion completely surrounded and cut off Thursday night as the enemy launched a full-scale offensive at all points along our line between Haman and Masan.

The regiment's command post was infiltrated by the enemy and forced back.

The 159th Field Artillery Unit, supporting the 24th, was surrounded but fought its way out. Capt. Charles W. Bussey's combat engineer company was attacked from the rear and forced to withdraw.

Colored Quartermaster Bath Company was ambushed 500 yards behind the Regimental Command post. The attack began at midnight, Thursday.

Firing Most Accurate

Captain Bussey said:

"The enemy artillery is the most accurate I have ever seen. The first artillery shell hit a kitchen truck and the second overturned one of our big guns. All command posts of the 24th were hit simul-

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See Pictures of Clean Block Winners On Pages 4, 5 and 21

The CO Bids Family Goodbye

Lt. Col. Vernon Green, commanding officer of the 231st Transportation Truck Battalion; his wife, Mrs. Catherine Green, and daughter, Patricia, 5, are shown at the embarkation point shortly before the train carrying the outfit moved out to Camp Edwards, Mass., on Wednesday.

24th Casualties May Reach 600

By JAMES L. HICKS

WITH THE TWENTY FOURTH INFANTRY IN KOREA—Here are some facts about the 24th Infantry Regiment.

These facts are presented by this reporter because he feels that the people of the United States are entitled to know these facts and not with any intentions of giving aid or comfort to the enemy.

The 24th Regiment is a segregated Jim Crow organization pure and simple, with no efforts being made to integrate them with other troops and therefore is apparently diametrically constituted in opposition to the President's directive calling for integration of the armed services.

The 24th Regiment, like all other regiments of the U. S. Army in this area, with the possible exception of the Marines, is taking the beating of its life as of August 12 and has been taking such a beating since being committed to combat in mid-July.

Most Shot Down

As of August 12 the 24th Regiment's casualties totaled at least 400 men and the figure may be as high as 600. This casualty figure does not include the men killed nor the men missing in action. It does include those men wounded in action, men suffering from battle fatigue, men who have been hurt escaping from the enemy and other

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Send-Off Given 231st

Loved Ones Restrain Tears at Departure

While an Army band played "Over There," and wives and sweethearts bravely restrained tears, the 231st Truck Battalion left Baltimore, Wednesday night, for Camp Edwards, Mass., where it will undergo training.

The first Maryland National Guard battalion to be called to active duty, the 231st was given an old-fashioned wartime send-off by some 1500 relatives and friends.

The departure ceremonies began officially at 5 p.m. when the troops formed ranks at the Richmond Market Armory where they had been undergoing training since Aug. 19.

Presented State Flag

At 5:15 Maj. Gen. Milton A. Reckord, adjutant general of Maryland, addressed the soldiers briefly and wished them "Godspeed." Then Brig. Gen. Harry C. Ruhl presented the Maryland State flag to the battalion.

Led by Lt. Col. Vernon F. Green, commanding officer, the battalion moved out on schedule at 6:30 p.m. to begin the march to the station. Music was furnished by the 327th Army Band from Edgewood Chemical Center.

At the Pennsylvania Station produce yards where the citizen-soldiers entrained, a lone MP

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Here's Prettiest Block in City Which Wins $100 First Prize

A section of the 600 block Archer St., a small street in South Baltimore, which wins $100 first prize in the AFRO Clean Block Campaign. Eleven-year-old, Colles Rooks is the captain of this block which residents have turned into a beautiful place. Backyards as well as frontyards are shining and pretty.

MD.'S BLINDFOLDED JUSTICE:

Lily-White City Courts Cost Taxpayers Million

By MAE MEDDERS

It's costing Baltimore taxpayers over a million dollars a year to run the city's court system.

And although there are thousands of colored taxpayers, there are no colored judges, State's attorneys, magistrates, court clerks, baliffs' stenographers, secretaries, or other types of office personnel in any of the courts.

Colored persons are employed only in the probation department of the judicial system and there on a segregated basis.

Whites Get "All Gravy"

The budget of the Supreme Bench alone this year totals $266,235. This money includes the salaries of:

Eleven judges, a jury clerk, 25 baliffs, 11 court stenographers, a grand jury stenographer, Three senior stenographers, a clerk, medical officer;

Psychiatric assistant, secretary-stenographer, four watchmen, grand jury matron, seven retired judges, four retired baliffs, an assistant psychiatrist, a stenographer and a typist.

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Street Patrol No Cause for Alarm

Armed soldiers patroling the streets!

That's what citizens observed in West Baltimore last week. The presence of the troops did not indicate that the military had taken over our town, however.

The helmet-wearing, carbine-carrying GI's were members of the 231st Transportation Corps Truck Battalion. Their job was to patrol the streets near the Richmond Market Armory that had been roped of to facilitate movement of Army vehicles.

Protecting Uncle Sam's Goods

The grim-faced citizen-soldiers were also charged with the duty of protecting Government property.

Garden St. was roped off, as well as Linden Ave. between Biddle St. and Armory Place. Only

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'New' Coppin Opening Set

Several Kept On; State Adds Dean

Now under State operation, the Coppin Teachers College will open at its old location, Mount St near Riggs Ave. on Tuesday, with Dr. Miles W. Connor retained as president.

Heretofore, the 50-year-old institution was under city administration, but with the close of the June term, the school was turned over to the State which had been operating all the teacher-training schools for white students.

While Coppin will continue operation at its present location for at least another year, the State Department of Education has announced plans to establish a new building in or near Baltimore to take over the Coppin program.

Dean Apponted

With its reorganization as a State institution, Mrs. Grace H. Jacobs was named to the new position as dean of the college.

Other instructors remaining

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W. A. Smith Hurt in Train Wreck

William A. Smith, dining car cook, was the only Baltimorean injured, Monday when a Cleveland-bound Baltimore and Ohio train collided head on with an express train near Connellsville, Pa., injuring 52 persons.

William Smith

Mr. Smith of 1303 W. Lanvale St. is reported resting comfortably at Connellsville State Hospital. He suffered cuts of the face and ears.

Though the accident occurred 3:17 p.m., Monday, Mr. Smith's wife had no knowledge of it un-

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