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Diabetes Detection Week will be celebrated all over the country Nov. 12-18.

Detectio centers will be set up in 600 areas and the cost of the program will be met by the doctors themselves and by voluntary contributors.

The celebration comes in Baltimore at a time when one of its most prominent citizens died suddenly of diabetes an ailment that he did not know about.

Dr. J. Richard Connelly, executive director of the American Diabetes Association told the AFRO this week that diabetes ranks eighth among the causes of death by disease and is a serious chronic condition.

As Fatal As Cancer

Without treatment death is as certain from diabetes as from cancer or tuberculosis.

"Before the discovery of insulin 97 per cent of the diabetics died and children seldom lived more than a few months. Those who have diabetes and don't know it are no better off than all diebetics before modern medical treatments and cures for this disease.

"If all citizens could afford and obtain a physical examination twice a year that would be the answer to all health education. If everyone did that conscientiously there would be no need for individual campaigns against disease.

"Both the American Diabetes Association and the American Medical Association have gone on record as approving the program of self-testing for sugar in the urine. There are several products on the market for this purpose which, as you mentioned, facilitates testing. They may not be available in rural areas but druggists can secure them."

Self Test Suggested

The AFRO recommends the use of a clinic test which consists of a bottle of tablets, a test tube, and a medicine dropper.

All that anyone needs to do to determine whether he has sugar in his urine is to put five drops of urine and 10 drops of water in the test tube and put in one tablet.

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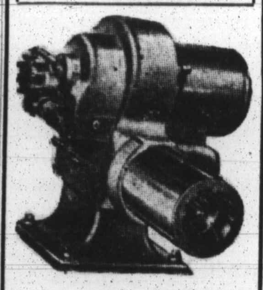
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Willie Davis Likes Job, He Washes Street Lamps

"I wash globes, replace bulbs, and fuses in the larger city street lights," said Willie Davis, 641 N. Carey Street.

He has been working for Ligon and Ligon, contractors for two weeks and has been in the city about four months. His home is in Warrenton, N.C., where he left his family and his best girl.

He uses a wooden bucket and a huge rubber sponge. He gets fresh water wherever he can find it.

He does not know how many lights he washes a day.

"We follow the blueprint. I am going to do this one here and one across the street and then I will have to stop and wait for the truck to catch up with me.

"I can do only the straight lamps. Those with the gooseneck have to be done by the men on the truck. Sometimes I wait two hours for the truck to catch up with me.

"Sure, I like the work. It is much better than I did before. I used to dig ditches and lay pipes for conduit lines. It would be better still if I got inside work when the weather gets cold.

"I guess this ladder I carry around weighs about 25 to 35 pounds. It isn't heavy.

"The fuses are really disc film cut-outs. The street lights are strung in series. Like bulbs on a Christmas tree, when one fails, all would normally go out.

"The disc film cut-out remedies this. If the lamp bulb in a street light goes bad, the disc comes into play so that all other lamp bulbs stay lit.

"I also carry a supply of copper bolts and nuts of the kind used to secure the glass shade to its holder.

"The spare bulb I have in my apron is marked Westinghouse and it is marked 6,000 L (lumens). It looks like a special bulb.

"The 6000 means that it has 600 candle power. The average house lamp bulb is 75 watts. This street lamp is 400 watts."

Theatre JC Bars Pupils From TV Show

Invited to attend a television show given on the stage of the Centre Theatre last Saturday by the Children's Experimental Theatre Group, colored pupils and teachers on Friday were advised that their invitations had been withdrawn.

This step was taken, according to Mrs. Isabel Burger, executive director of the Children's Theatre, after the manager of the Centre Theatre had informed her that the admission of colored persons to theatres for whites is contradictory to a city-wide agreement of the various theatre managers.

In withdrawing the invitation, Mrs. Burger extended apologies for the part her organization "innocently played" in the situation.

The program, called, "You Say It; We Play It," was scheduled for 12:30 p.m. on Saturday.

6 Fears Haunt Office Workers

"There are six basic fears which effect the efficiency of office workers," Edward N. Wilson ,registrar of oMrgan State College, told secretaries at a meeting Monday.

The six fears he outlined are poverty, criticism, ill health, loss of love of someone, old age and death.

"Indecision is the seedling of fear. It crystallizes into doubt,they blend and become fear. The blending germinates and grows without their presence being observed.

"If it is true that all thought has a tendency to clothe itself in its physical equivalent, it is equally true that thought, impulses of fear, cannot be translated into terms of courage and efficiency," he declared.

Self-Analysis Test

To outwit the six ghosts of fear, a self-analysis test of 60 questions were given the secretaries. One of the questions was "How much time out of every 24 hours do you devote to your occupation, to sleep, to play and relaxation, to acquiring useful knowledge, and to plain waste?"

Other points stressed were: personality, factors by which personality is judged, qualities that help clerks succeed, why clerks lose their jobs, how super clerks are produced; the importance of an office manual, and emphasis in daily work.

Each point had from one to 20 sub-topics that included every phase of personnel from good filing to good grooming.

Among the secretaries present were: Mesdames Doris Smith, Rosita Uncles, Bessie Carroll, Louise Church, Gladys Prestwidge, Willia Mae Scott, Lorraine Wood, Florence Westfield, Esther Thomas, and Miss Nicey Jarmon.

Reid Wins Support for Legislature

Charles Reid, popular salesman for the General Automotive Heating Corporation, Thursday gave his views on the platform of the Republic Party, under whose banner he aspires to be one of the Fourth District representatives to the State House of Delegates.

A resident of 641 W. Lafayette Ave., Mr. Reid recently gained the support of the Baptist Ministers Conference, among many other social and civic groups.

Of his plans, should he go to Annapolis, he states that he is in favor of repealing the jim-crow travel law and seeing Morgan State College remain an independent institution.

Further, he supports the Republican platform on the sales tax, favors a law limiting passengers on public carriers, wants an allowance on State income tax as deductable on Federal income taxes, and a more strict law against lobbyism.

Gilbert's Sentence Questioned by Jenner

WASHINGTON

Sen William E. Jenner (Rep., Ind.), on Saturday questioned the court-martial death sentence given Lt. Leon A. Gilbert because Congress has not officially declared war on North Korea. He asked army officials "to give the most careful consideration and review of the case."

"The American sense of justice must not be violated in this case," the Senator said, "Certainly the same consideration should be given this officer as is being shown ten convicted Communist leaders, Judith Coplan, Alger Hiss and others who are walking the streets today, following their conviction."

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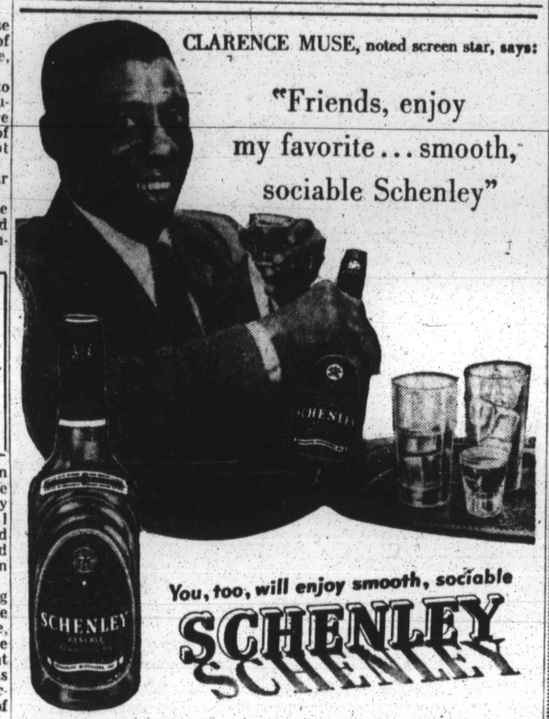
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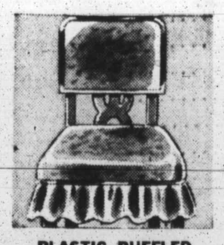
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