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Schools asked to back AFRO clean-up drive

Dr. Houston R. Jackson, assistant superintendent of schools, has urged teachers and pupils to support the AFRO Clean Block Campaign which opened this week.

In a letter addressed to all schools, Dr. Jackson said:

"Plans are now being made to begin the AFRO-AMERICAN Twentieth Annual Clean Block Campaign. You know from past years that most of the workers have been children of school age.

"Through this campaign they try to put into pratice those principles of good health, cleanliness, group cooperation, and qualities of leadership that are taught our children in school.

Guides Children

"The campaign attempts to guide the children through worthwhile activities during the summer months when most of them are free from school duties. Officially the campaign opens on June 21, 1954. Registration may take place any time after May 31.

"In the past our schools have always wholeheartedly cooperated with the AFRO-AMERICAN Clean Block campaign because we have been convinced that it was a worthwhile, practical, and educational experience during the summer months when most of the pupils are free from school duties.

"I am sure you will want to lead the same fine cooperation again this year by bringing this to the attention of your pupils in order that they might be sufficiently motivated in larger numbers to participate in this project."

Minister appointed

The Rev. Reginald J. Daniels, pastor, Madison Ave. Presbyterian Church, was among 23 persons selected, this week, by Chief Judge W. C. Coleman, to serve on the June term federal grand jury.

Among others chosen are Charles H. Fletcher, spreader at a material factory, 814 Harlem Ave. and Ernest B. Johnson, traffic manager at a manufacturing company, 1516 Appleton St.

This is the tick season: tick fever can be fatal!

Baltimore is now in the midst of the tick season when a warning is needed for everyone in the city to be on the lookout for exposure to tick fever which can be fatal, according to City Health Commissioner, Huntington Williams.

Already this year 3 cases have been reported in the city, one a fatal cas with onset of disease late in April in an 11-year-old child living in the Armistead Gardens area.

An earlier case, reported a week before the fatal one was in a 5-year-old living at the far end of the Curtis Bay area.

The third, reported yesterday, was in a 27-year-old person living in the north central area.

Dog, Garden, Shrub

All three residences were near infected ticks may be found on a dog or in a garden or shrubbery in any part of the city.

A year ago there were three cases, one of which died. The first one had onset on April 20, the second on June 10 and the third on June 15. The third case died.

Danger is great if an infected tick has been attached to the hair line or elsewhere for several hours.

Careful examination of the body is an important safeguard especially of children before they go to bed, and especially if they have been playing out of doors. The best rule is: "Never go to bed with a tick."

Girl 13, falls through glass door at church

A 13-year-old girl who fell through a glass door panel while leaving Fountain Baptist Church at 1211 E. Monument St., was treated for surface cuts on both hands at Johns Hopkins on Wednesday and released.

The teen-ager, Fern Hicks, 1002 N. Eden St., was taken to the hospital by her sister Patricia Hicks.

6 share $450 rewards for finding cop killer

Rewards totaling $450 were presented recently by the Maryland Law Enforcement Officers to four civilians and two policemen who helped track down the slayer of Officer Aubery Lowman.

The group originally offered $500 for information leading to the capture and conviction of the officer's killer. Lowman was shot April 18 as he was watching a stolen car parked on Mosher St. near Division.

His slayer was identified as Melvin (Bang Bang) Oliver. After a search of several days, Oliver was cornered in East Baltimore. He jumped in a parked automobile and shot himself before officers could capture him.

For Aid In Hunt

The suicide of Oliver relieved the association from the responsibility of paying the reward, but members of the group voted to give most of the money to persons who aided in tracking down Oliver.

A reward of $25 went to the sister of the girl who was with Oliver when he shot the officer. The girl told police what had happened and gave them Oliver's description.

Also receiving $25 was a man who saw Oliver a short time after the shooting. He passed on the information to a bartender who in turn gave it to police.

The association authorized a $350 reward to the bartender, but he refused to accept the sum. The money will be used to purchase a memorial trophy for Officer Lowman. It will be awarded to the winner of the annual shooting match conducted by the group.

Officer James Slocum was given a $25 reward, for passing on the information obtained from the bartender to his superior officers.

Headed by Hofemiester

Howard Sommerville of the 1600 block Eager St., was given a $50 reward, for telling officers the direction in which Oliver ran, when he was cornered by police. Howard Bayne received rewards of $150 each, for pursuing Oliver to the automobile where he took his own life.

The law enforcement group is headed by Lt. Walter Hofemiester of the Northwestern District. It is composed of law enforcement officers throughout Maryland.

Red Cross classes open to teachers

Registration is now open for teachers interested in enrolling in a first aid course under the supervision of the Red Cross.

The course is being sponsored by the Baltimore City Board of Education for teachers interested in first aid from a school, personal or community view - point. The course will run from June 21 to 25, and classes will be held at Eastern High School.

On completion of the course, teachers will be given one credit toward salary increment, Dr. Lilian B. Davis, superintendent of health education, is handling registration details. Miss Edith R. Logan will be the Red Cross representative.

Ex-Morgan student given six months

A 30-year-old ex-Morgan College student who's wife charged that she was choked on two occasions, and once tied up for more than four hours in a rat infested cellar, was sentenced to six months in the House of Correction this morning, (Friday).

At a hearing at Northwestern, Orient Carlton Johnson, 1919 Madison Ave., pleaded not guilty to charges filed by Mrs. Helen Johnson, 910 Park Ave. Mrs. Johnson is an employee of the Social Security Bureau.

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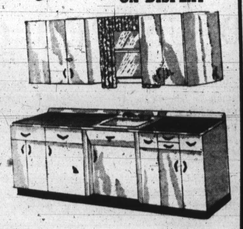

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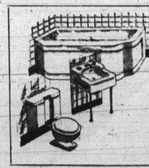

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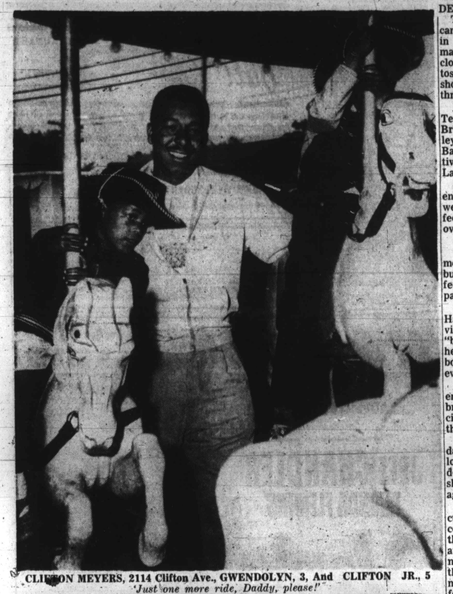

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'Just one more ride, Daddy, please!'

BILL BALLANTINE, CIRCUS PRESSMAN, DARLENE SMITH, 4, CATONSVILLE
'You feed Jumbo. I'll just watch if you don't mind.'

HARRY DORSEY, 609 N. Bentalou St. and son, JOSEPH, 5
There would never be a circus without an elephant and his young, adventurous admirer.

DEAR BOSS:

Take a huge tent which can hold 10,000 people; mix in a vast array of wild animals, aerial artists, acrobats, clowns, spangle-attired folk; toss in a long line of sideshows, chance booths and thrill rides. . . .

And what have you got? Technically, the Ringling Brothers, Barnum and Bailey Circus, which sparked Baltimore's spring-time festivities recently at Lawrence's Park.

But actually, what you end up with is a flock of weary adults with aching feet, empty pockets and over-excited youngsters.

— Circus Mood —

I tried to get in the circus mood with the kids, Boss, but honestly, I couldn't help feeling sorry for those poor parents.

Take for instance Mrs. Hawthorne Smith of Catonsville. I met her under the "big top." She had brought her two children, a neighbor's youngster and a nephew, all under 8-years-old.

This was her first experience of lugging four little brats, I mean children to a circus; so you can imagine the trouble she had.

Though her two-year-old daughter, Denise, had had a long nap that morning, she decided after an hour of the show, that she was sleepy again.

Now, under ordinary circumstances, Mrs. Smith could have gone home, right then and there, but it's another problem when the neighbor's child wants to see the elephants; the nephew must take a ride or two and four-year-old daughter, Darlene, wants to buy a cane, a hat, and any other souvenir Mommy can afford.

Well, when I left Mrs. Smith, she was carrying Denise (and believe me she's a big girl for her age) buying a cane for Darlene, letting Anne Lansey, 5, look at the elephants, and promising Robert Worthington, 7, he could ride the merry-go-round.

— Took Three Nieces —

Then there was Mrs. Ethel Brown, 2032 W. Fayette St., who doesn't have children of her own, but who for the past two years has been cartaing her three nieces ages 4 and 5, to the circus.

You could tell she was an experienced chaperone. I met her outside the tent while she was debating whether or not the youngsters were "ready" (that means if they were tired of walking) to go inside.

The children, Gwendolyn Paul, 5; Christine Paul, 4 and Marlene Dorsey, 4, seemed quite content standing there and Mrs. Brown didn't appear to be too worn out herself.

— Uses Formula —

Her formula? Simple, Boss. The minute she entered the circus grounds, she stopped the first man selling balloons and bought three of them.

Next, she stopped at a refreshment stand and bought each of them some cotton candy. From there she went to the amusements and let the kids knock themselves out on the toy train, boats and cars, saving enough money, of course, to go inside the tent.

After that, it was no problem. The children were glad to get a chance to sit down and rest their feet whether they really saw the show or not . . . and I doubt if few of them did.

Every child I asked told me he liked "any-muts and rides" best at the circus.

— Experienced Parent —

Another "experienced" parent I saw was Gray Lloyd Sr., 1929 N. Fulton ave. He and his son, Gray Jr., 6, were at the thrill-ride stage of the formula.

Little Gray was all decked out in his cowboy suit, having a good time on the airplanes. (By the way, Boss, I'll bet there were more little cowboys and Indians running around the grounds than there were during the days of the old wild West.)

Well, when I left the two, Gray Jr. was begging his father for "just one more ride" (he had already had five) on the planes.

Now don't think the parents were the only ones who suffered headaches from those kids . . . You should have seen those poor Hawkers (I think that's the name used for persons operating the concession stands.)

You know what a department store looks like after Dennis The Menace finishes his "shopping tour", don't you, Boss?

— Same Uproar —

Well, the Circus grounds was in the same uproar.

At one stand you're supposed to take a chance on picking up a floating duck to see what prize you win. One youngster —got there bright and early and sank nearly half the ducks with his Grandma's trusty widdo hat pin!

At another stand you could throw darts at balloons for a prize. I watched a ten - year - old for ten minutes trying to throw the darts. The terrified Hawker finally gave him a prize . . . and the child never hit a single balloon!

But the men who had the most trouble were weight guessers. You know, they're supposed to guess your weight within three pounds and if they don't, you get a prize . . .

Have you ever tried to guess the weight of a child under 12?

— Impossible —

It's utterly impossible. When the guesser was giving one youngster the "once over" before making his decision, the little mons . . . I mean child, puffed himself up just enough to throw the guesser off five pounds. . . .

By the end of the afternoon, the prizes from the weight-guessing stands had transferred from the shelves to the eager hands of many youngsters.

Well, Boss, after almost breaking my neck when a new herd of youngsters rushed into the grounds . . . (I tripped over one of the little "darlings") I decided it was time to go home.

The circus is only for those crazy, mixed-up kids.

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GWENDOLYN PAUL, 5; CHRISTINE PAUL, 4; MARLENE DORSEY, 4, 2032 W. Fayette Street.
'Let's go inside the big tiger, we're tired.'

Coming Events

JUNE 4

"Stories From the Bible," twelve one-act plays by Gospel Chorus and Youth Choir at New Pilgrim Baptist Church, Rutland Ave., and Federal St., 8 p.m.

Winchester Improvement and Protective Assication meeting 8 p.m. at School No. 148, Rosedale St. and Westwood Ave., speaker, Policeman Violet Hill Whyte.

JUNE 5

Annual Outing, Coppin Teachers College, John Brown's Farm.

Morgan College Alumni Day 10:30 a.m., business meeting in Holmes Hall; 1:30 p.m., luncheon in Memorial Refectory.

Thirty-ninth annual Baltimore Municipal Track and Field meet, Druid Hill Park 2 p.m.

JUNE 6

Town Choir annual open house, 4 to 6 p.m., Poe Auditorium, 204 N. Fremont Ave. Toledo R. Moseley, president; William H. Wright director.

Municipal Concert Band, Druid Hill Park Grove A., 8 to 10 p.m. Spring Music Festival, Memorial Stadium, 8 p.m.

Baltimore's "Great Hymns" choir director by Rev. Daniel Ridout, 9:10 a.m. Station WBAL.

Great Music Festival to benefit mentally retarded children. Memorial Stadium, 8 p.m.

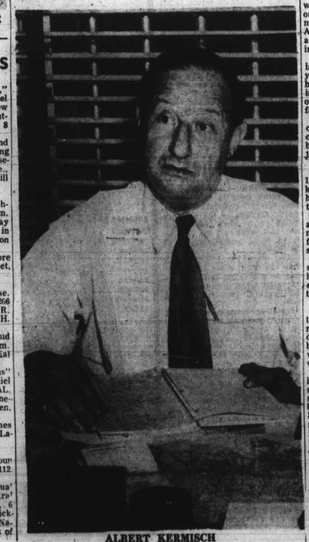
130th Anniversary of St. James PE Church, Arlington and Lafayette Aves., 9 a.m.

JUNE 9

Park Concert Band, Calhoun and Laurens St., School No. 112 8 to 10 p.m.

Baltimore Fellowship Annus' dinner meeting at Centre YWCA, 24 W. Franklin St., 6 p.m. Speaker, Clarence E. Pickett, Quaker leader at United Nations will discuss implications of Supreme Court decisions.

Ex-merchant turns sideline into profitable business



ALBERT KERMISCH

A fire of undetermined origin which four years ago destroyed one of the best equipped department stores on Pennsylvania Ave., has given Albert Kermisch an opportunity to turn a sideline into a thriving business.

As a merchant who "dabbled" in real estate for over 21 years, he recalls that in 1950 he had to sell his accounts to an installment house for ten cents on the dollar as a result of the fire.

"That," Mr. Kermisch declares, "was all I could salvage out of the fire that destroyed my business establishment at 1138-1146 Pennsylvania Ave."

Moved To North Ave.

From a comfortable office at 1318 W. North Ave., the well known business man now devotes his full time directing realestate transactions.

Few of his old customers are aware that he is still in the business whirl of things. Most have forgotten however the avenue store.

The Kermisch department store was noted for featuring liberal credit accounts that covered everything from aspirin tablets to clothing.

Had Dentist

The store served as headquarters for two dentists, sold jewelry, electrical appliances and drugs. In terms of space the business took up four floors which for 25 years was loaded with merchandise at all times.

The fire which gutted the building in July 1950 raged for over six hours. While the fire was still burning in parts of the building Mr. Kermisch recalls, he had to go inside to check merchandise with government inspectors.

"When the whole thing was over," he said, "I discovered that it would cost too much to start again.

"It was then that I decided to jump into the realestate business with both feet.

Buyers Particular

"After selling and buying homes for these many years I find that the public is now more particular about what and where they buy.

"In spite of that, the real estate business remains firm and profitable. The way things have worked out I realize more and more every day that God has been good to me."

Asked to comment on what to him was the most important topic of the day, Mr. Kermisch turned his attention to the McCarthy-Army hearings.

"Regardless of the right or wrong of it, this probe is hurting our interests abroad," he stated.

"With so much at stake it's downright comical for such a thing to go on" he concluded.

speech-making hints

Do's and don'ts for white candidates addressing colored audiences were outlined at a meeting of the Women's Democratic Campaign Committee, Tuesday, at the York Hotel.

The candidates in attendance expressed their appreciation for the behaviour hints and said they will take them to heart.

The suggestions, reviewed by Mrs. Victorine Adams included such notations as don't use the terms "boy" and "You people." Don't talk down to the audience.

Do realize that colored voters are interested in general welfare subjects as well as in racial problems.

Candidates Present

Among the candidates present were Maurice Soypher and Saul J. Friedman, seeking House of Delegates seats from the 4th District; Marvin Mandell and Maurice Cardin, House of Delegates, 5th District;

Albert Levin, Supreme Bench candidate; and Samuel Friedel, incumbent, Congressman.

SHUT-IN DAY SET JUNE 6

With the signing of a proclamation, this week, Acting Mayor Arthur D. Price set Sunday as National and International Shut-In's Day in Baltimore, urging citizens to remember their sick and disabled friends.