SUNDAY GREAT DAY OF DECISION

A HELPING HAND — Karen Hill is shown painting the window grating in front of her aunt's home, 811 Brice St. Karen's cousin, Angela Burrell, is captain of the block. Her aunt, Mrs. Mary Burrell, is advisor.

Judges ready; tour Sunday

Sunday, August 15, is the great day of decision. AFRO Clean Block Judges will be touring many of the 275 blocks entered in this newspaper's 31st annual campaign.

Clean Block Director Mrs. Jeanette B. Leath is urging all captains to keep their blocks in tip top shape at least until after Awards Sunday, August 22.

Points can be taken away if the block is not kept up, she said.

Judges' tour on Sunday will begin at 9 a.m. in front of the AFRO Building, 628 N. Eutaw.

They will select winners to share over $1500 in prizes.

Assisting Mrs. Leath in judging will be Miss Muriel Brooks, Clean Block Assistant; Mrs. Eloise Taylor, and Mrs. Marion Winborne, veteran Clean Block judges.

They will tour West Baltimore first, Northwest, Catonsville, Northeast, East, Turner Station, Edgemere and Patapsco Park.

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HAS YOUR block been swept? Is the grass neatly trimmed? Have you completed your painting?

Do you have flowers on display? Have you sent in your workers' lists along with the application blank?

Be sure to have your "No Parking" signs up for Sunday; ask the policeman on your beat to take care of this for you.

If you are not ready to answer "yes" to all these questions, get busy, and fast!

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TOP PRIZES will be awarded on Sun., August 22, at the Masonic Temple, 1301 Eutaw Pl. at 3 p.m. The public is invited. Captains are asked to invite all the neighbors to attend the awards ceremony.

Remember the date, Aug. 22; Place, Masonic Temple, 1301 Eutaw Pl.; Time — 3 p.m.

HONOR FLAG BLOCK — View of the 500 block N. Fulton Ave., between Franklin St. and Edmondson Ave. It wins honors this week in AFRO Clean Block drive. All of the 52 houses have green window boxes. Workers used bleach bottles to make flower planters located at strategic spots on the sidewalk. Clean Block Director, Mrs. Jeanette B. Leath, says this block has shown 90 per cent improvement.

CLEAN BLOCK CALENDAR

AUGUST 13 — Weekly pep rally, Masonic Temple, Eutaw Place and Lanvale St. 10 a.m.

AUGUST 15 — Beginning of final judging 9 a.m. starting at the AFRO Building, Eutaw St. at Druid Hill Ave.

AUGUST 17 — Movie Party, Harlem Theatre, Gilmor Street near Edmondson Ave.

AUGUST 18 — Last day to send in votes for Clean Block Jamboree.

AUGUST 20 — Final pep rally, Masonic Temple, Eutaw Place and Lanvale St. at 10 a.m.

AUGUST 22—Closing program, announcement of winners, awarding of prizes.

899,800 VOTES CAST IN CONTEST

Jackie jumps from No. 9 to take Jamboree lead

Jacqueline Bogier, 1700 block Regester St., took the lead this week in the AFRO Clean Block Jamboree Contest.

She jumped from ninth place last week to poll 42,800 votes as of August 11.

Running a close second with 40,400 votes is Betty Jean McDaniel, 2500 Aisquith St. She moved from fifth place last week.

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IN THIRD PLACE is Esther Robinson of the 3000 l last week and No. 2 the block Baker St., who was No. week before. She has 37,000 votes.

Evangeline Brown, 600 Edgewood, also at the top for the past two weeks, trails this week in the no. 4 spot with 34,300 votes.

JACQUELINE BOGIER
Tops with 42,800 votes

Jamboree prizes total an estimated $600, and there is still time to vote for your favorite clean blocker.

August 17 is contest deadline. Only votes postmarked before August 18 will be accepted. Winners will be announced Aug. 20.

Simply clip the votes of 100 which appear on page two in both the Tuesdday and Friday edition.

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TO DATE, 899,800 votes have been cast for these contestants whose standings shown below are as of August 11:

Jacqueline Bogier	42,800
Betty Jean McDaniel	40,400
Esther Robinson	37,000
Evangeline Brown	34,300
Patricia Swindell	31,400
Deborah Scott	27,000
Diane Dukes	25,100
Daryl Moore	21,900
Vanzella Winder	20,000
Jacqueline Finney	19,500
David McCoy	18,800
Hazel Owens	18,800
Joyce West	15,500
Vivian Jackson	14,700
William Randall	13,800
Sylvester Parsen	12,300
John Carter	11,600
Reida Abbott	10,900
Lorraine Lindsay	10,600
Willie Burris	10,300
Roscoe Owens	10,100
William Bland	9,500
Carl Woodson	8,900
Marvin Gaither	8,500
Floyd Carter	8,300
Roger Padgett	7,500
Jeanette Gardner	7,300
Odell Haley	7,100
Elsie Baris	7,100
Willie Green	7,000
Betty Jean Moore	6,800
James Patterson	6,700
Herman Hubbard	6,300
Ricky Hart	6,200
Scott Phiggs	6,200
John Allen Carter Jr.	6,000
Nadine Bradley	6,000
Harold Spearman	5,900
Kenneth Lynch	4,800
Gwendolyn Harris	4,600
Cynthia Coleman	4,600
Sheila Frederick	4,600
Joann Nance	4,600
Linda Cyrene	4,600
Linda Murrell	3,800
Wanda Green	3,800
Percy Watkins	3,400
Anthony Tate	3,300
Calvin Boyd	3,100
Alma Shearin	3,100
Melvin Faulkner	3,100
Patricia Jean Bonner	3,000
Dianne Dye	3,000
Wanda Mosley	2,800
Arleen Wright	2,600
Thomasine Carey	2,500
Angela Burrell	2,400
Jeanette Gardner	2,300
Patricia Bonner	2,000
Charles Taylor	2,000
Anita Stewart	2,000
Charles Gold	2,000
Ernest Haynes	2,000
Eric Carter	2,000
Charles Wheatley	1,900
Wilbert Lemon	1,900
Jacqueline Holland	1,800
Wayne Garner	1,800
Vernon Davis	1,600
Barbara Snowden	1,600
Anthony Green	1,600
Vanessa Sheridan	1,500
Patricia Malloy	1,400
Rebecca Clarke	1,400
Gloria Sellers	1,400
Brenda Fowlkes	1,300
Marilyn Stratton	1,300
Angela Coker	1,100
Gloria Boyd	1,100

600 FULTON LEADERS — Left to right, George B. Dorsey, advisor, William Cunningham and Larry Smith, the 15 - year - old co - captains of the 600 block N. Fulton Ave., hold flag winner, are congratulated by Miss Muriel Brooks, AFRO Clean Block assistant.

PAINTED, BEAUTIFIED

38 blocks earn berths on Clean Block Honor Roll

Thirty - eight blocks in all sections of Baltimore, were named to the AFRO Clean Block Honor Roll this morning (Friday), during the weekly meeting at the W. W. Allen Masonic Temple.

The blocks were cited because their captains and workers had completed 90 per cent of their clean - up work.

Mrs. Jeanette Leath, campaign director, received victory reports which showed the following work done:

Fifty - seven pairs of steps painted, 47 pairs of marble steps cleaned, 34 houses painted, 141 houses with woodwork painted, 145 houses with woodwork cleaned, 175 yards cleaned.

Also, 55 houses with flowers in painted pots, 107 houses with flowers in window boxes, 49 alleys cleaned, 118 cellars cleaned, 274 yards with flowers, 199 families in block helping.

And, 200 houses in the block, 634 number of persons in block, 50 number of fences painted or whitewashed.

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THE HONOR Roll blocks and their captains are: —

1400 Myrile, Capt. James Thomas

Unit N. Bentalou, Rhonda Draper

3000 Baker, Esther Robinson

1600 Ashburton, Vonzella Winder

1000 N. Payson, Jerri Ann Jones

3700 Baker, Patricia Molloy

700 Bartlett, Garry Stevens

6000 Bellgrove, Sharon Hill

6000 Bellgrove, John Carter

2800 Belmont, Bonnie Mae Gold

811 N. Rice, Angela Burrell

2600 Bruce, Joann Nance

2600 Flora, Marilyn Stratton

1700 Ellsworth, Brenda Fowlkes

Unit Henson, Charles Taylor

600 E. Chase, Eric Carter

300 Key, Mary Hill

3000 W. Lanvale, Samuel Stokes

800 W. Lexington, Floyd Carter

2800 Lodge Farm, Roscoe Owens

2600 W. Lombard, Audrey Verreens

1300 McElderry, Mable Jones

500 N. Schroeder, Josephine Pugh

200 Midland, Howard Crews

1600 Montpelier, Vickie Lynn Harville

3000 W. Mulberry, Nadine Bradley

1500 Mullikin, Angela Coker

500 New Pittsburg, Linda Alexander

600 New Pittsburg, Alma A. Shearin

700 New Pittsburg, Melvin Nebletti

2356 Norfolk, Alphonsus Quarterbaum

2835 Norfolk, Sheila Gallop

7217 Orth, Reida Abbott

600 St. Ann, Betty Jean Moore

2100 Vine, Elsie Mae Baris

2100 Walbrook, Nancy D. Fouse

1000 N. Washington, Marlean Smith

1303 Young, Brenda Henry

MORE $$ NEEDED

CLEAN BLOCK JAMBOREE CONTEST RULES:

1. You must be a member of the Clean Block Campaign.
2. The AFRO Clean Block Jamboree began June 26 and continues through the AFRO issue dated today August 14.
3. The contest is open to all boys and girls who are members of the Clean Block Campaign and are not over 19 years of age.
4. The Clean Block with the most votes will be the top winner and will be declared the Clean Blocker of the year. There will be five top prizes: 1st, stereo record player; 2nd, $100.00 cash; 3rd, portable TV set; 4th, boys or girls bicycle; 5th, transistor radio. In addition to these, there will be 10 consolation prizes of $10.00 each.
5. Any qualified member may enter this contest with 5 or more votes from the Tuesday or the Friday AFRO. The voting coupon will be found on page two and each coupon is worth 100 votes. It takes 500 votes to enter.
6. AFRO employees or their immediate families are not eligible to win in this contest.
7. Contestants agree to the use of their names and photos for publicity use and interpretation of these rules shall be final with the AFRO-AMERICAN.
8. Send or bring your votes to the AFRO-AMERICAN, 628 N. Eutaw Street, Baltimore, Md. 21201

Kelson, Rock City aid Fund

The AFRO Clean Block Prize Fund now stands at $1,546.25. We need your help to swell this fund. We urge you to please mail in your contribution.

If you belong to a club or organization suggest that they encourage youngsters in the AFRO Clean Block.

All contributions are used for the prize fund. The AFRO bears all other expenses of the campaign. Contributions are tax deductible.

Awards Sunday will be August 22 at 3 p.m. Masonic Temple. We need your donation now so as to reward these youngsters for a job well done.

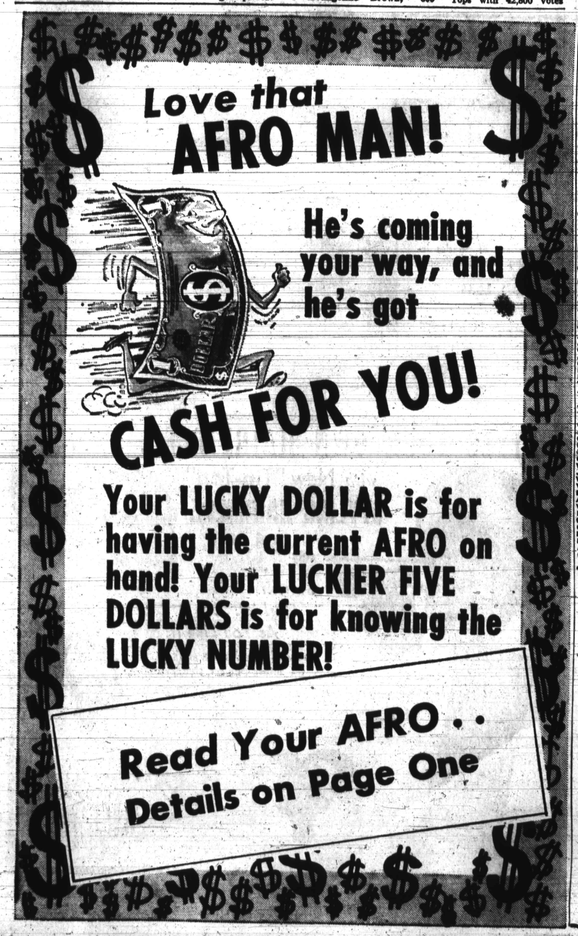
Two contributions received this week—George G. Kelson Funeral Home $15.00 and Rock City Box Sales Co., $10.

Mail your contribution today to AFRO Clean Block, 628 N. Eutaw St. Baltimore, Md. 21201.

WITH contributes variety of prizes for clean block

Radio station WITH, 7 E. Lexington St., has given to the AFRO Clean Block campaign prizes to be awarded to worthy youngsters at the close of the 31st annual contest. These include two Spica Transistor Radios, one Beatle Tee Shirt, 2 Colgate Personality Beatle Balls, 1 Chase Back Game for ages 10 to adult, 1 Mister Magoo Visits The Zoo Game, 1 Laundry Marking Pen.

George Wilson, public relations representative at WITH, made the announcement.



BEST BUYS

Vegetable buys offer high quality

By VIRGINIA McLUCKIE

Summer brings an abundance of fresh vegetables from local and nearby sources. For the shopper this means a chance to sort and choose from a wider collection and usually higher quality with more attractive prices.

—Produce from Maryland farms offer the best values in snap beans, cabbage and cucumbers.

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CABBAGE IS a low cost vegetable and the current market supply is heavy. Frequently we think only in terms of slaw made from cabbage. Shredded cabbage, goes well in combination with other vegetables and fruits in a gelatin based salad.

Hot slaw with a sweet sour up a menu. Whether you say dressing will add zip to perk snap bean or green bean you are speaking of a tender yet crisp stringless bean. Snap beans give you good return for your money in servings and food value. You can plan on four to five servings from one pound.

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SEASONINGS MAY be simple or not, as you wish.

Try adding chopped tarragon leaves, slivers of garlic, bacon bits, mushrooms, onions or carrots for added flavor and greater variety. Use cooked unseasoned snap beans in a salad with a sharply flavored French dressing.

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OTHER LOCAL vegetables worthy of consideration both for price and summer meal variety are white scalloped and yellow straightneck squash and fresh beets. The first of the Maryland sweet corn crop is on the market. Corn supplies will increase as the season progresses.

Salad vegetables are those we think of as eating raw. Prices are attractive on cucumbers, spring onions, radishes, and eastern grown lettuce. There are some Maryland green peppers being harvested. Maryland tomatoes are not at their peak supply, but volume is moderate and prices a little lower. It is possible to get good flavored field ripened local tomatoes in many markets.

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THE BEST FRUIT buys are peaches, blueberries and watermelon. The first early peaches from the Appalachian area are being shipped to market, however the heavy supply is from the south, mostly Georgia and North and South Carolina.

Peaches will be in plentiful supply this year with the projected supply up 15 percent from last year and 11 percent above average. The background color is the key to selecting peaches and it should be a creamy yellow-ish color. Blueberries provide a fruit which keeps well and one that can add variety to hot breads, fruit cups and salads and desserts.

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THE SEASON is short for blackberries and raspberries so use them while they are available. Summer and watermelon go hand in hand. Prices are low on cost per serving of watermelon. It is no longer necessary to purchase a whole melon as merchandising practices today make it possible to purchase portions of melons by the piece or by the pound.

Other melons attractively priced are Georgia cantaloupes and Texas honeydew melons. The California plum crop is 38 percent above average, a record crop but fresh plums are in the moderate price range in local markets.

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For protein foods you will have to stick to eggs, fryer chickens and dairy products for real economy.

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SAVORY STRING BEANS require two pounds string beans, one-half c. olive oil (or other good cooking oil), one c. finely sliced onions, one teasp. minced garlic, two teasp. salt, one-eighth teasp. pepper, one-fourth c. water, and two egg yolks, beaten.

Remove stems and tips from beans and cut into two-inch lengths. Heat oil in pan having a tight cover, then add onions and garlic, cooking until transparent. Add beans, stir well, and add seasoning — then add water. Cover pan and cook until tender—very slowly about 30 minutes. Stir in egg yolks just before serving. Serves 6 to 8.

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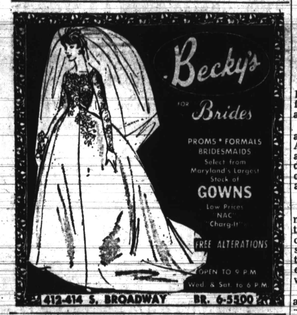

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WOMAN'S WORLD

Pottery continues to play important role

PORTO - NOVO, Dahomey (NNPA) — Pottery, one of the oldest crafts in the world, continues to play an important role in Dahomey, a narrow strip of land on Africa's West Coast.

The craft has held a high place in the economy of the country since the 15th Century when the former Kingdom of Benin ran along the Guinea coastline westward from the Niger Delta.

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DISCOVERED in 1484 by the Portuguese, the Kingdom of Benin reached its highest point in the 17th Century. The slave trade was subsequently to be its downfall, and the arts inevitably declined.

But there are still traces of an authenic pottery tradition in many parts of the country. Production is concentrated mainly in the lake villages around Abomey, Zagnado, Dassa Zoume, Savalou, Save, Ouidah, Porto - Novo and Cove, where large beds of good quality clay are to be found.

Unfortunately, the potters—most of whom are women—have lost the former techniques, and quite rudimentary methods are employed in the various stages of manufacture — transport, drying, mixing, cleansing, mounding and baking.

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SHAPING IS done by hand, since the potter's wheel is unknown, and the whole process takes place on the ground: the potter circles round the object as she models it. The base is added afterwards.

The baking is done directly on a wood fire, which never really produces the proper amount of heat. All this makes for a long, tiring job, involving considerable waste and resulting finally in very fragile objects.

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NEVERTHELESS, pottery continues to play an important role in Dahomey. Every family uses large numbers of pottery utensils and receptacles for household purposes, such as the stocking of water, meat, fish and grain, and the cooking and preparation of dishes like "akassa" (cornflour porridge) and "abo" (corn bread). The most usual type of receptacle is known as a "canari."

Tom - toms, fetishes and ritual objects, and funeral urns also are in pottery. Some of the vases or jars are topped with a symbolic animal or human figure. Statuettes representing the human form (spirits are said to hide in them) are also modelled.

ONE OF THE most striking features of Dahomey is the number of women potters who practice this art, alone or in groups, to occupy their leisure time. The village of Soana, for example, has 200 women potters out of a total of 2,000 inhabitants.

One of the country's best artists lives in Tourou, a village about four miles from Parakou. She is Mrs. Derou, whose work, recognized as outstanding, is done in the same style as that of the former Benin artisans, but with an occasional personal touch added.

THE NATIONAL taste for pottery is reflected in government statistics. According to the International Labor Organization (ILO), it is estimated that pottery accounts for $204,000 out of a total annual home trade of $143 million. Yet national production cannot meet the demand, and large quantities of household utensils in metal or glazed pottery have to be imported—to a value of more than $237,000 in 1960.

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Medics aim to erase measles in 5 years

EVANSTON, Ill. (UPI) — Have the children in your family been immunized against measles?

Routine immunization of all children is urged by the American Academy of Pediatrics, the association of doctors certified in the care of infants, children and adolescents.

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THE ACADEMY'S committee on control of infectious diseases says measles can be the next infectious disease to be eliminated from the United States if the presently available vaccines are widely used.

"The vaccines are safe and effective, production problems have been solved, and six competitive vaccines now are commercially available and are approved and licensed by the Division of Biologic Standards of the U.S. Public Health Service," the committee reported.

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THE UNIT endorsed the five immunization schedules outlined by the U.S. Public Health Service Advisory Committee on Immunization Practices.

The committee urges all physicians and public health personnel to take whatever steps are necessary to see that all susceptible children receive measles vaccine.

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"VIGOROUS endorsement and execution of this aim by physicians and responsible authorities should eliminate measles by 1970," the pediatricians said.

Measles vaccine, according to the recommendation, should be administered routinely to all children without a history of measles or measles vaccination.

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THE COMMITTEE also cited the need for immunization for those children especially prone to develop serious complications from measles.

These include children in institutions, and those with heart disease, cystic fibrosis, tuberculosis, asthma, and other chronic pulmonary disease.

Household Hints

Think twice before afring clothes in the sun, advises the National Institute of Dry-cleaning. If they are green, blue or white, they can change color.

Many green and blue dyes in silk and wool are susceptible to sunlight, and white garments may contain a fluorescent whitening dye which is destroyed by sunlight, causing the garments to yellow.

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Soft cheese tends to sour on aging. Use it soon after purchasing.

A cellulose sponge makes a good clothes brush in a pinch and it can be washed.

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Salad plants with green stalks and leaves contain about 10 times more Vitamin A than those with bleached or pale leaves and stalks.

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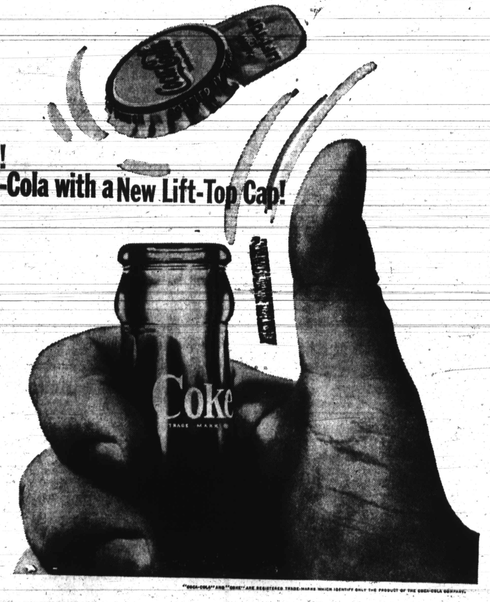

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