Happy Birthday AFRO August 13, 1983

Thoughts of Founder

"It was a hard thing to educate the people up to the standard of reading a Negro newspaper. Much hard work had to be done to overcome the ignorance and the prejudice against it.

It was a long time before the pulpit, the bar and medical practitioner found that it was a help rather than a hindrance to them. It was a longer time before the business man found that his business could be increased by its advertising columns; and we are sorry to say that a number of them have not found it out to this day.

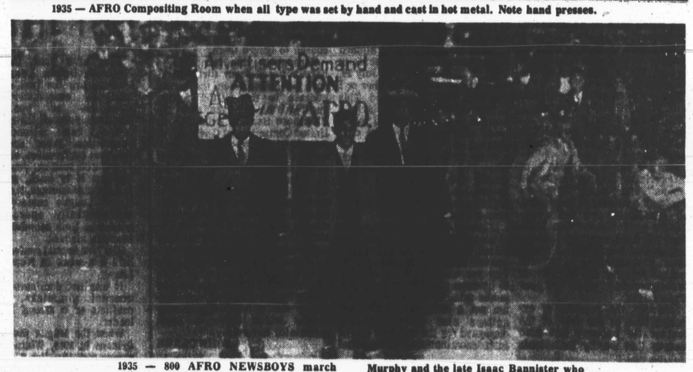
Nevertheless in all those years, it has been doing a work for the advancement of the race that was not being done through any other channels. It made a bold stand for the rights that were being denied the people and presented the claims of the race for better things." December 25, 1920

J. H. Murphy

91 years of continuous publication



1935 — AFRO Compositing Room when all type was set by hand and cast in hot metal. Note hand presses.

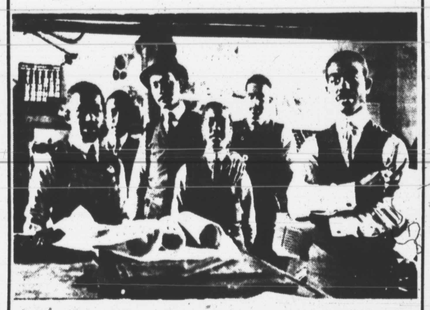


1935 — 800 AFRO NEWSBOYS march through Northwest Baltimore led by veteran Circulation Manager James Murphy and the late Isaac Bannister who sold in both Baltimore and Washington.

The Master Workmen

Mechanical Department, AFRO-AMERICAN

307 St. Paul Street, Baltimore



Left to Right: John J. Murphy, Jr., D. Arnett Murphy, William H. Tabb, foreman; Charles Collins, Daniel H. Murphy, and Percy Barron.

Christmas 1935

Looked at today, it was just a little 4- or 5-page paper, the AFRO, set by hand in those days and sent downtown to a white printer to do the press work.

Everything was done by hand, even the job presses were without electric motors. Mr. Tabb's pay was $7 a week, and he supported a family. Mr. Barron's pay was $6, so was Mr. Dan Murphy's. Mr. John's pay was $2 and Mr. Arnett's, $4.50.

It is a fine thing to remember that, because these men did their work well, we are here today and in like manner the future lies with us who have better tools, better pay, better hours and improved working conditions.

The AFRO lives only so long as each generation is wiser and better.

From a working force of 9 persons, the AFRO family today has grown to 75. If we can do as well as those who have gone before, another generation will one day pick up the picture of our Christmas, 1935, banquet and exclaim:

"Were these all the AFRO employees and their husbands and wives of Baltimore, Philadelphia and Washington then? Yes? Well, they didn't have so many in those days, did they?"

This newspaper wishes each member of its family

A MERRY CHRISTMAS

Carl Murphy, President



The Cultural Arts Drama Group at Dunbar Community School presented three one-act plays for the entertainment of Clean Blockers. Group members are: Thomas Day, Ms. Michel Dupree, Andre' Powell, Ms. Monica Harris, Anthony Williams, Dwight Barnes, Ms. Gloria Cole, Ms. Kimberly Miller, and Ms. Jacqueline Camphor.

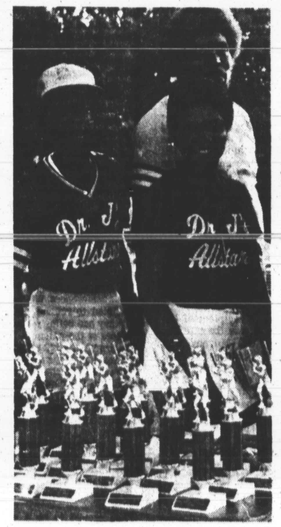
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Dunbar Cultural Arts entertains Baltimore Clean Block



(Photo by Kathy O. Parrott)
Ms. Diana Nichols is the drama teacher with Robert Russell of the Cultural Arts Drama Group at Dunbar Community School supervised young people.

AFRO Mrs. Santa Softball Aug. 26-27-28 Druid Hill Park





Aug. 26-27-28 in Druid Hill Park

The 6th Annual Softball Marathon to help buy food for needy families this Christmas as part of the AFRO-AMERICAN Newspapers' Mrs. Santa program will be held Friday, Saturday and Sunday, Aug. 26-27-28 in Druid Hill Park.

The affair is being coordinated by Rayner T. Banks of the Mass Transit Association; and Shelton Stewart, vice-president of the Rosemont Area.

Festivities will start with a ceremony on Friday, Aug. 26 at 6 p.m. on Druid Hill Park Diamond No. 7. Games are scheduled for Diamond No. 5, No. 6, No. 7, No. 8 and No. 9.

Teams are urged to call Ray Banks at 539-0132 or weekdays AFRO, Mrs. Peters or Mrs. Vanessa Johnson, 728-8205.

Teams are now selecting their preferred times. To enter each team makes a donation of $45 to the AFRO Mrs. Santa Fund. All contributions are tax deductible.

Many teams are using pledge sheets to support the event and vying for a "Granddaddy" Trophy, The Pappy Brooks Award. This will be awarded to the team turning in the most money.

This will be a family event and for the past four years teams and their families have enjoyed a delightful day in Druid Hill Park... knowing in their hearts they are helping a needy family have a nice Christmas.

IDA PETERS What's Happening



Ms. Karen Banks and Ms. Margarete Snowden performed "Body Mechanics," for the AFRO Clean Block workers and the week before for the Dental Convention. Ms. Banks recently won The Arena Players' Irvin Turner Scholarship. She attends the University of Maryland, and is a graduate of Walbrook High School. Ms. Snowden was recently crowned "Miss Inner City Teen."

Photo by Kathy O. Parrott



Tap-dancers with the Arena Players' Youththeatre are Ms. Stacey Brown and Ms. Tiffany Bridgewater.

Photo by Kathy O. Parrott

Life better for blacks in P.G. Cty.

Black and white Prince George's County residents view their lives differently, it was reported Monday.

A Washington Post poll showed that 49 percent of all blacks surveyed believe their life is better in Prince George's County than it would be if they lived elsewhere in the Washington metropolitan area.

Many blacks surveyed indicated they enjoy the racial balance in the region's most racially integrated jurisdiction because it provides a better distribution of political power.

Some negative aspects cited include the quality of police protection, the schools and education.

These Two Go Together



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Arena Players Youtheatre closes season at AFRO Clean Block meeting



The "Fame" dancers from the Arena Players' Youththeatre entertained AFRO Clean Block workers at their final meeting. Pictured are: Wendell Rawlings, Misses Tiffany Bridgewater, Racquel Ricks, Nichie Jones, Rhonda Herd, Nikki Trent, Shawann White, and Ericka Maddox.

Photo by Kathy O. Parrott



These first and second year Arena Players' Youththeatre students were the cast of "Steal Away Home." They performed as a choral ensemble for AFRO Clean Block workers.

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East Baltimore mini-tour

Ms. Wanda Johnson, 1300 N. Chester St., has been working virtually alone in her block, and she needs the help of her neighbors.

This block is usually green and white and beautiful. However, they are in need of painting and sweeping. The flower urns were not sparkling, as they normally are, and steps were not shining. There was also a lot of trash on the front of the street, as well as in the back.

Ms. Johnson does not live in the 1300 blk Chester St. alone nor should she have to sweep, paint, and clean alone. Onions to her neighbors!

Around the corner from Wanda's block is a block that shows what cooperation and pride can do in a block.

It was trash day in that block on the day that we took the mini-tour; but the block was still beautiful.

All residents had piled their trash neatly at the curb for pick-up, and there was not a piece of trash anywhere to be seen. Orchids.

It is painted red and white, with sidewalk furniture, planters and bright, bright flowers everywhere you look.

Captain Alvin Fairley has been fighting a battle all summer in the 1700 blk N. Chapel St.

His neighbors are uncooperative, and there are many vacant houses in his block. Mostly all of his workers are very young. However, we give orchids to Alvin and his youngsters because they have made progress in their block.

The block is painted all white, and even though there are no flowers, the block is very clean.

Red and white, clean, and with lots of flowers is the 1800 blk Durham St. They have had their share of problems too, but they are still managing to look pretty good.

The 1500 blk Durham St. is without the leadership of their hardest and most dedicated worker, Ms Lorine Ward. She has been feeling the heat this summer, and has been hospitalized. Her block, which is painted blue and white needs the other residents to pull together and make the block as pretty as it was last year.

Mrs. Lucille Gaines and her workers have painted their block yellow and white this summer, and they were looking pretty good on the mini-tour. The block has lots of flowers and everything was neat, clean and orderly.

We're sorry that we can't say the same for the intersecting street, 1600 Eareckson Place.

They are clearly not as industrious as they have been in the past.

Beautiful were the 1300 and 1400 blks of E. Lafayette Ave. The red and white 1300 blk was clean, sparkling and full of flower power.

The red and yellow 1400 blk was equally clean and sparkling. They have had a lot of problems this summer with getting their trash removed, and getting a landlord to clean garages in the block. On the day that we visited, the problems were minimal, and all looked like progress was being made.

First time entrants in the Clean Block campaign, but working hard to win are six blocks just off the 2300 blk Harford Rd.

Advisor, Charles Saddler, has been working extremely hard with the residents of 2300 and 2400 Sherwood Ave.

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