18-year old Eagle Scout honored in ceremonies at City Hall

Northwestern Hi cadet receives highest award

By Elizabeth M. Oliver

The Ceremonial Room at City Hall was the scene Thursday of the traditional ceremonies accorded an Eagle Scout of the Boys Scouts of America.

Receiving the highest honor any Baltimorean could merit was Ivan Shoen Fenwick, who is the city's only Eagle scout of the season. A 1983 honor ROTC graduate of Northwestern High School, Fenwick leaves for his freshman year at Angelo State University at San Angelo, TX Saturday where he will study under funds set aside by the Robert G. Carr Air Force ROTC Scholarship.

The Baltimore Distinguished Citizenship citation was presented to Eagle Scout Fenwick by Mayor William Donald Schaefer in the presence of his mother, Mrs. Constance Fenwick, a Baltimore school teacher; his grandparents, Rev. and Mrs. Fletcher V. Noorwood Jr. and his brother, Jerrod Fenwick, a Cub Scout. His father, Matthew Fenwick, is deceased.

Congratulations also came from Dr. Hilbert Stanley, the mayor's assistant. Fenwick was also given the Baltimore's Best necktie and the city's golden key ring during the ceremonies.

It is traditional that an Eagle Scout receive the top award from his own city. In December and according to custom, awards will be presented by the governor of Maryland and the president of the United States.

The young man who has spent eight years in scouting and has earned all the coveted medals offered by the Boy Scouts of America thus joins the ranks of the great men of American history, many U.S. presidents and notables including Presidents Eisenhower, Carter and U.S. Senator John Glenn.

Stating that the Baltimore honors are bestowed upon the Eagle Scout by the citizens of Baltimore, Mayor Schaefer said, "We are proud of you and we know in the years ahead you will also become a great man."

Also congratulating young Fenwick was John J. Oliver Jr., chairman of the board of the AFRO - AMERICAN Newspapers who awarded the AFRO's 90th Year citation in his offices on Eutaw Street. When the AFRO reached its 90th Year in 1982 and began the final decade toward its 100th birthday, the special awards were given to such national ad international personalities as Congressman Parren J. Mitchell and Egypt's Anwar Sadat as well as many famed Baltimoreans and Marylanders.

In addition to the ROTC scholarship for college study, Fenwick received top honors from each of the schools he has attended from elementary through high school: Dickey Hill Elementary, Garrison Junior High, Greenspring Junior High and Northwestern where he majored in academic - college preparatory.

He aspires to study aeronautical engineering "to make new discoveries in order to help mankind." He hopes also to study at the Air Force Academy at Colorado Springs. He ranks as a cadet captain.

Here are some of his awards, honors and activities:

AWARDS

Inducted into Who's Who Among American High School Students — 1982, and the Society of Distinguished American High School Students — 1983.

WJZ-TV Channel 13 "City Line's" Student of the Week Award — May 1, 1983.

Space Shuttle Student Involvement Project Award — 1981.

The Engineering Society

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ON BEHALF OF BALTIMORE'S CITIZENS, the Distinguished Citizen Award goes to Eagle Scout Ivan S. Fenwick from Mayor William Donald Schaefer. (All Photos by Glasco Ryales)



FROM THE AFRO now entering its 92nd year of publication Eagle Scout Fenwick gets the coveted citation from John J. Oliver Jr. chairman of the board.



JUBILANT FAMILY—Eagle Scout Fenwick, mother Mrs. Constance Fenwick; Grandfather Rev. Fletcher V., Norwood Jr. (bottom row) brother Cub Scout Jerrod A. Fenwick and Grandmother Mrs. Verecida Norwood.



AQUATICS ACTIVITY—A very cool sport for a hot afternoon shows (back row center) Djibril Chase of Cub 267 riding piggie-back with Ivan Fenwick Jr., an Eagle Scout who served as assistant Scout Master.

Cub Scouts hold first annual day camp here on Coppin State College campus

The first Cub Scouts Day Camp was held recently on the campus of Coppin State College with youngsters from the Trailblazer and Constellation Districts of the Boy Scouts of America having the time of their lives.

For two days, from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m., they were involved in arts and crafts sessions, swimming in the pool in Pullen Gym and learning to pitch tents on the field. Good sportsmanship, the aim of all Scouting, was practiced in every event.

District executives on the scene were Allen Powell of the Trailblazers and Michael Robinson of Constellation, Clyde Jones, scoutmaster, St. Marks Methodist Church Troop 21; Harvey Stokes, scoutmaster, Troop 183; Mrs. Flosaie Floyd and Mrs. Charlotte Davenport of the Trailblazer District.

The above scout units of the Baltimore Area Council are under the auspices of Charlie Hiebler, exofficio officer of the Boys Scouts of America headquarters, 701 Wyman Park Drive.

Although deep in the inner city, the spacious greens and spreading trees of the campus formed an ideal location and the youngsters learned most of all that it is not necessary to go to the woods, forests or mountains to practice good Scouting.

The event from Aug. 8 through Aug. 9 met all requirements for the youthful boys who aspire to reach all the higher goals specified by the Boy Scouts of America.

Members in attendance were Ivan Fenwick Jr., assistant Scoutmaster 267; Mrs. Constance Fenwick, Boy Scout coordinator of Gillies Memorial Christian Community Church Troop Pack 267; Roger Prettyman, Cubmaster of Constellation's District; Kaigie Nicholson, Cubmaster, Pack 21; Ms. Donnie Delvia, Cubmaster, Pack 267; Isaiah Johnson, Pack 183 and MS. Mary Harrison, Den Mother, Pack 267.



TRAILBLAZER AND CONSTELLATION DISTRICTS Baltimore Area Council Cub Scouts of Unit 21; 183; 204; 257; 267; 289 and 543 pose with the adult leaders Ms. Constance Fenwick, Scout coordinator, Trailblazer District, Troop pack 267; Roger Prettyman, Cubmaster, Constellation District; Ms. Donnie Delvia, Cubmaster, Trailblazer Pack 267; Isaiah Johnson, Cubmaster, Trailblazer Pack 183; Michael Robinson, executive director, Constellation District; Kaigie Nicholson, Cubmaster, Trailblazer Pack 21.



ADULT LEADER Mrs. Mary Harrison (C) the Den Mother of Gillis Memorial Christian Community Church Den No. 2 Cub Pack 267 is shown with Cubs from Units 267; 257; 183; 21; 204; 278 and 543. (RIGHT PANEL)—Mrs. Constance Fenwick, the Boy Scouts coordinator for Gillis



Troop—Pack 267 and Allen Powell, executive director, Trailblazer District Scouts and Cubs.

Coming Next Week

"We put a smile on God's face that day."

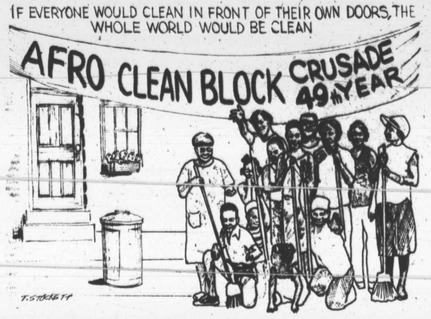
This is what Martin Luther King's guard said about The March on Washington in August, 1963.

20 years later the Nation still remembers Dr. King's "I Have A Dream."

Watch for the AFRO's March on Washington Souvenir Edition — coming next Friday — and you will remember too.

An Historic Edition March on Washington AFRO Souvenir Edition Coming Friday, Aug. 26

Clean Block Inspection all day Sunday



Closing Aug. 28 — 2 p.m.
Prince Hall Masonic Temple

By Kathy O. Parrott

The inspection of the blocks participating in this year's 49th Annual AFRO-AMERICAN Clean Block campaign will be held all day Sunday, Aug. 21 starting at 10 a.m.

We spent two days inspecting all of the registered blocks in the campaign.

Our tour on Tuesday took us to East Baltimore; and we are happy to report that there was a great improvement in East Baltimore over the mini-tour taken a short two weeks ago.

Our tour on Wednesday took us to blocks in west and northwest Baltimore.

Some blocks that were registered will not see the Inspection Judges on Sunday, and we believe they know why. They tried but their blocks look terrible. We hope that these blocks will register next year, and that the block leaders will have 100 participation and cooperation from neighbors.

The blocks in west and northwest Baltimore to be inspected on Sunday were quite beautiful on Wednesday and showed evidence that they have been working hard all summer.

The unit block S. Payson St. is a beautiful red and white block. Residents have painted their window boxes and sidewalk urns beautifully. Residents were seen cleaning and polishing their brass bannisters, scrubbing their steps and sweeping their streets and sidewalks.

Block workers are understandably upset when we were looking at the block. The front of the block is beautiful, but the alleys are a horror. At both ends of the alley on the even side, there are huge mountains of trash, and fat nests. Repeated calls to city agencies have brought no results.

Captain, Mrs. Ruby Samuel, stated that she has been told by inspectors from the Bureau of Solid Waste, "We cannot tie up our trucks for three or four hours to clean this trash away. The politicans have us running to blocks in their districts cleaning". We asked Mrs. Samuel who her district representative was so that we could contact them. She did not know the person's name, but she was going to try to find out and contact him or her.

The Clean Block office is trying to help this block get their trash removed. After all, block residents here do pay taxes.

Another beautiful block was the 1700 blk W. Franklin St.

Last year this block had painted their urns, step planters and window boxes black and silver. This year, all of the aforementioned have been painted lavender and white. The block colors are distinctive and make an impression. The block was immaculate, as well as the lot facing the block. Residents have cleaned the lot and placed flower urns on the outer edges of the lot.

Also beautiful was the 2800 blk Harlem Ave. This extremely long block seems to have all residents participating. Every house had green and white window boxes with beautiful summer flowers in bloom. Their sidewalk planters, also green and white, were clean and also full of blooms.

Residents in the 300 blk Grayson St. have finally gotten themselves together. They reported to us that many things have happened in their block, positively. Their alleys have been cleaned, curbs have been repaired; they purchased dirt and seeds and planted grass and flowers. Orchids to Mr. Parker and Mrs. Langford who made sure that grass was cut and the street was swept every morning.

Evidence of the spirit of togetherness and cooperation was clearly viewed when we went to this block. They were clean and e-bloom with flowers everywhere. They missed long-time captain, the Rev. Elinor Powell who died this year.

Another extremely beautiful and colorful block was the 1500 blk N. Carey St. Residents have signs hanging from tree branches reminding passersby and residents not to litter. Murals have been painted on the boards of vacant buildings to let people know what the block is striving for, and also to let people know the importance of cleanliness. Most noteworthy in this beautiful multi-colored block were the sidewalk urns. Each house has an urn and sidewalk furniture. Each urn is filled with colorful flowers and a sunflower windmill.

Equally beautiful were the 1300 and 1400 blks W. Mosher St.

Workers in the 1300 blk Mosher St. have painted their sidewalk urns mustard and white. They have adopted their trees, and cleaned the block immaculately. Residents here have painted colorful murals on the vacant buildings so that they blend in with the beauty of the block.

The 1400 blk Mosher St. looks like vestiges of yesteryear; before the rats and dope and neglect and bulk trash: Ms Mary Cooper and her workers have made tremendous progress in this block. We hardly recognize it as the block with all of the trash problems earlier in the campaign. The vacant lots that were filled with trash have been cleaned and roped off in the block colors-red and yellow; and they were spotless. Large red and yellow sidewalk urns are filled with beautiful flowers and the streets, curbs, and sidewalk were spotless.

We were so happy to see so many exemplary blocks in west and northwest Baltimore.

We will report on all of the blocks seen during the Inspection in next Tuesday's and Friday's editions of the AFRO-AMERICAN.

NOTE: Ms Sharon Jordan contributed to this article.

PROCLAMATION

by Mayor William Donald Schaefer

Designating August 12, 1983

Baltimore AFRO-American Newspapers

Clean Block Honors Day in Baltimore

WHEREAS, the Baltimore AFRO-AMERICAN Newspapers was created in 1892 by John H. Murphy, Sr., to keep the community informed about political, economic, and social issues; and

WHEREAS, in the spirit of brotherhood and citizenship the Baltimore AFRO-AMERICAN Newspapers has sponsored for forty-nine years (49) the AFRO-Clean Block Campaign; and

WHEREAS, the Baltimore AFRO-AMERICAN Newspapers has set aside this day to celebrate its birthday and to honor those residents who have worked to improve the appearance of their neighborhoods; and

WHEREAS, this sense of pride and interest in the neighborhoods of our City has made Baltimore a better place in which to live; and

WHEREAS, the AFRO-Clean Block theme, "If Everyone Would Clean In Front of His Own Door the Whole World Would Be Clean", is the guiding principle that will improve the quality of life in our City.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, WILLIAM DONALD SCHAEFER, MAYOR OF THE CITY OF BALTIMORE, do hereby proclaim August 12, 1983 as the "BALTIMORE AFRO-AMERICAN NEWSPAPERS CLEAN BLOCK HONORS DAY" in Baltimore, and do urge all citizens to applaud the public services of the Baltimore AFRO-AMERICAN Newspapers and the dedication of those citizens who have worked to make Baltimore a Great City.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and caused the Great Seal of the City of Baltimore to be affixed this twelfth day of August, in the year of Our Lord, one thousand nine hundred and eighty-three. MAYOR WILLIAM DONALD SCHAEFER.

Where to find 1983 AFRO Honor Flags

2800 Aisquith St.
2900 Aisquith St.
600 Appleton St.
800 Appleton St.
1100 Appleton St.
1100 Argyle Ave.
(John DeWinde)
2600 Argyle Ave.
(Annie Thompson)
2400 Ashland Ave.
540 Baker St.
1900 Bardley St.
1900 Bentalou St.
1800 Bethel St.
1700 Braddish Ave.
1800 Braddish Ave.
1800 Brentwood Ave.
600 Brice St.
1400 Bruce St.
2200 Brunt St.
1400 N. Carey St.
1500 N. Carey St.
1700 N. Carey St.
1500 Carswell St.
1700 Chase St.
1700 N. Chapel St.
1900 N. Chester
1300 N. Chester St.
1200 Cliftview Ave.
1300 Cliftview Ave.
1800 Collington Ave.
1200 Darley Ave.
1500 Darley Ave.
1200 Division St.
2300 Division St.
1900 Druid Hill Ave.
1200 Druid Hill Ave.
1500 Durham St.
1800 Durham St.
1400 Eagerken Pl.
1500 N. Eden St.
1500 Edmondson Ave.
1600 Edmondson Ave.
1200 Effing St.
1900 Fayette St.
2100 Fayette St.
2500 Fayette St.
900 Franklin St.
1700 Franklin St.
500 Fulton Ave.
500 Gilmor St.
900 Gilmor St.
1500 Gilmor St.
300 Grayson St.
1900 Harlem Ave.
1943 Harlem Ave.
2800 Harlem Ave.
500 W. Hoffman St.
1700 Holbrook St.
1300 E. Lafayette Ave.
1400 E. Lafayette Ave.
2400 Lakeview Ave.
300 E. Lanvale St.
1500 W. Lanvale St.
600 Madeira St.
900 Madeira St.
800 Madison Ave.
2400 Madison Ave.
2500 Madison Ave.
2700 Mathews St.
2300 McCulloh St.
1700 Monroe St.
1800 Monroe St.
1100 Montford Ave.
1100 Montford Ave.
1800 Montford Ave.
1200 Mosher St.
1300 Mosher St.
1400 Mosher St.
1900 Mosher St.
1500 Mulberry St.
2700 W. North Ave.
2100 Park Ave.
2900 Parkwood Ave.
6 S. Payson St.
300 Payson St.
400 Payson St.
400 S. Payson St.
1500 Pennsylvania Ave.
1900 Perlman Pl.
1000 Poplar Grove St.
900 Port St.
1100 Port St.
1700 Port St.
500 Presstman St.
600 Pulaski St.
700 Pulaski St.
2500 Selim St.
300 Sentford Pl.
2300 Sherwood Ave.
2400 Sherwood Ave.
2000 Sinclair Lane
3000 Spaulding Ave.
900 Stricker St.
1000 Stricker St.
3100 Sumter Ave.
2700 Tivoly Ave.
2000 Virginia Ave.
1500 Washington St.
2600 Woodbrook Ave. &
Lyndrook Ave.
400 Worley St.
300 E. 21st St.
400 E. 21st St.
500 E. 21st St.
500 W. Preston St.
(Louise Dorsey)
1028 Stoddard Ct.
400 Wally Ct.
400 Manse Ct.

HOUSING PROJECTS

McCulloh Homes
400 Cummings Ct.
417 Oxford Ct.
463 Oxford Ct.
900 Stoddard Ct.
1012 Stoddard Ct.
1000 Tiffany Ct.
400 Tubman Ct.
400 Walter Ct.
582 Preston St.

Perkins Homes
200 Ballou Ct.
200 S. Dallas Ct.
300 S. Herring Ct.
200 S. Mason Ct.
203 S. Herring Ct.
235 S. Mason Ct.
348 S. Mason Ct.

Cherry Hill Homes
834 Bethune Rd.
2900 Denham C.
2722 Sehlbo Rd.
2717 Spelman Rd.
2705 Spelman Rd.
3482 Spelman Rd.

Murphy Homes
900 Argyle Ave.-3rd Fl.
900 Argyle Ave.-3rd Fl.
900 Argyle Ave.
-11th Fl.
1022 Argyle Ave.
1040 Argyle Ave.
725 George St.-12th Fl.
900 Argyle Ave.-4th Fl.
900 Argyle Ave.-4th Fl.
900 Argyle Ave.-7th Fl.
900 Argyle Ave.-8th Fl.
910 Argyle Ave.
1032 Argyle Ave.
1059 Argyle Ave.-3rd Fl.
761 George St.
781 George St.
777 George St.
809 George St.
851 George St.-8th Fl.
851 George St.-12th Fl.

How to have a block party

AFRO Clean Blocks planning to have block parties should start making arrangements now. Here's what to do:

1. Call the Police Department Public Relations Office in your district to have your street blocked off.

2. Go to the Bureau of Permits, 222 E. Saratoga St., Room 100 for an application to have a party in your block. Cost is $4.00.

3. After filling out permit, go to 111 N. Calvert St. (The Old Post Office) for a food permit. Cost is $10.00.



(Photo by Paul A. Greene)

Clean Blockers representing 340 blocks and 2,650 workers marched in the AFRO AMERICAN NEWSPAPERS 91st Birthday and 49th Clean Block Honors Day parade.



The AFRO'S 91st Birthday and 49th Clean Block celebration were honored by the presence of these queens and runners - up. Left to right; Ms. Dionne Pratt - First runner - up "Miss Inner City, 1983;" Ms. Margaret Snowden, "Miss Inner City, 1983;" Ms. Letricia Loftin, "Miss Talented Teen Md., 1983;" and Ms. Teri Joyner-First runner - up, "Miss Baltimore's Best."

(Photo by P. A. Greene)



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Deacon Ronald Huff, $1500.00 winner in the Kentucky Fried Chicken Gospel Competition, opened the AFRO's 91st Birthday and 49th Clean Block with his moving renditions of "The Lord's Prayer."



Miss Frances Murphy founded AFRO Clean block. 1934-1958.



Mrs. Jeanette Leath - 1963



Mrs. Frances Mackay, 1953-1962.

How it all began

This year marks the 113th anniversary of the birth of "Miss Frances" and Aunt Frank to hundreds - Miss Frances L. Murphy.

She was born April 21, 1874, the fourth of eleven children in the family of the late John Henry and Martha Elizabeth Murphy. Her father was the founder of the AFRO-AMERICAN Newspapers, 91 years ago.

From 1895 to 1934, she was teacher and supervisor in Theory and Psychology in the Baltimore public schools and upon her retirement became known in Baltimore and other cities of the United States as "The Clean Block Lady".

"I just can't sit still and see a thing in need of being done and doing nothing about it", said Miss Murphy after being asked why she didn't fold her hands and gracefully retire from the public scene.

At the age of 60, she decided to do something about what she saw on an early summer morning near her Madison Avenue home.

She saw streets littered with paper and trash; windows and steps unwashed; woodwork needing painting; backyards and cellars not cleaned and most important of all, children out of school with plenty of time on their hands.

Miss Murphy got the children and the problem together and initiated the AFRO Clean Block Program in 1934, signing up 3,800 children that first summer.

Now in the 49th year 340 blocks registered plus 4 housing projects. Miss Murphy started with less than $1,000 in cash prizes. This year 100 Honor Flags at $21.50 each, 53 American Flags at $12.50 each were given away from the prize fund.

Miss Murphy successfully guided the Clean Block Campaign for 12 years. Since then, there have been several "Clean Block Ladies" heading the clean-up, paint-up program.

"Miss Frances" as she was fondly called by those who knew her, turned over her program to her niece, Mrs. Frances L. Murphy II, former chairman of the board of the AFRO, now a professor at the University of Buffalo.

She was followed by the late Mrs. Francis MacKay, wife of the late Cliff McKay, AFRO executive editor.

The late Mrs. Francis MacKay took over the program in 1953 and successfully guided the program until her death in 1962. Her slogan was "Every house a beautiful house, every block a clean block; Baltimore, a city beautiful". The petunia became the clean block flower. In 1962, she registered 86 blocks. By 1953, she had increased her blocks to 359.

She was appointed in 1953 by Gov. Theodore R. McKeldin to the Governor's Committee to Keep Maryland Beautiful. In 1960, she was honored by Gov. J. Millard Tawes for her devoted service to Baltimore and Maryland through the AFRO Clean Block.

Others included Mrs. Jeanette Leath, Housing and Community Development; MS. Paula Brooks Guest, Senior Executive Advertising Representative of Retail Advertising at the Sun Newspapers and Mrs. Michelle McRae McNeal, Public Relations for Provident Hospital.

Heading the 49th campaign is Mrs. Ida Murphy Peters, Public Relations Director and Entertainment Editor. She took over the program in 1972 and is a niece of Miss Frances, the daughter of the late Dr. Carl Murphy.

During Miss Murphy's 39 year career in the classroom, she pioneered many teaching techniques and humanitarian programs.

As a first-grade teacher, she noticed the undernourished condition of many children. She was determined to do something for them and with the help of friends, the first penny lunches were instituted in the public schools. The policy of serving milk and free lunches to under-nourished children was later adopted by the school system.

In 1908, she introduced in the city a definite plan using hand work to teach disadvantaged children in classes below the sixth grade. Recognizing the wisdom of this work, the school system adopted it in classes in certain schools.

When she was supervisor for cadet teachers, Miss Murphy bought in and used mental tests to classify children, aiding in assigning the right pupil to the right teacher.

The Clean Block Program was praised all over the country and she also received honors at home.

In 1944, Mayor Theodore McKeldin, presented her a Certificate of Award and Merit as "A formal expression of appreciation and gratitude for her fine quality of public service". At that time only six such awards had been issued.

In 1961, Coppin State Teacher's College named its new demonstration school after their one time teacher and supervisor honoring her life in education.

The school was known then as the Coppin Normal School and was a part of the public school system.

Miss Frances died in 1958 at the age of 84. All of her years were spent in helping others... in teaching and guiding young people.

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