

Clifford Brown Memorial To Help Musical Youngsters

"The purpose of the Clifford Brown Memorial Scholarship Fund is to perpetuate Cliff's name by helping musical youngsters" Ben Jackson, spokesman for the Fund, said today.

Brown, 25, was a nationally-known jazz trumpeter killed in an automobile accident June 27 on the Pennsylvania Turnpike.

A jazz concert will be held Sept. 16 at 3 p. m. at the Brandywine Music Box to help provide for his seven-months-old son's education and to set up a college scholarship for musically promising city youngsters.

Coincidentally, an auto accident while at Maryland State

College laid Brown up for two years. During that time he studied music extensively. He broke into the jazz field with Cris Powell's band in 1950 and received his big break when he joined Lionel Hampton in 1953 at Wildwood, N. J. He became best known after traveling to the West Coast with Drummer Max Roach two years ago.

Brown lived at 1013 Poplar Street. He graduated from Howard High School and attended Delaware State College before going on to Maryland. He is survived by his son, Clifford, Jr., his wife, LaRue, four brothers, and two sisters.

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JAZZ TO BENEFIT SON OF TRUMPETER

A jazz concert featuring nationally-known performers is being planned to raise funds for the education of Clifford Brown, Jr., six-months-old son of the famous trumpeter, who was killed recently in an automobile accident. Brown formerly lived at 1013 Poplar Street.

Concerts will also be given to set up a scholarship for any promising young musician of the Wilmington area, it was announced. The events are being planned by the Clifford Brown Memorial Scholarship Committee, set up by Local 641, Musicians Protective Union. Mitch Thomas, WILM disc jockey, is publicity chairman for the committee.

Anyone interested in joining the committee is invited to attend its meetings Sundays at 11 a. m. at the WILM studios.

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Letters to the Editor

Clifford Brown

TO THE EDITOR: On the afternoon of June 27 an automobile accident occurred on the Pennsylvania Turnpike in which three persons lost their lives. One of the three was Clifford Brown, a former Wilmington resident, a hometown boy who made good by astounding the music world with his near-fantastic playing of the trumpet. Here was an artist who was a technical expert in his special idiom, the field of modern jazz, a true musical genius whose proficiency and dexterity upon his horn have been surpassed by none and equaled only by a very select few, so say many of his critics.

If Brownie is forgotten, the progress of jazz will receive a blow greater than that which it suffered when he died. And so, in order that this does not happen, I am proposing a memorial to Clifford Brown, to be set up in Howard High School, which was the scene of his first endeavors in music. This can be our symbol of appreciation to Brownie and our tribute to his musical genius and personal excellence. It will serve as a constant reminder to Wilmingtonians of the work that Brownie did for jazz, and I expect that, just as during his life his genius was proclaimed everywhere by local fans who knew him, so during his death this memorial

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will spur them on to do the same continually. And for the sake of allowing his music still to be heard, I also propose that a complete collection of his recordings be added to the collection at the Wilmington Public Library. In order for these things to be realized, monetary contributions must be made. This way everyone can have a part in making a concrete tribute to Brownie. Contributions may be sent temporarily to:
The Clifford Brown Memorial Fund
1217 N. Heald Street
Wilmington, Del.

In conclusion, may we posthumously salute Clifford Brown for a job well done in furthering the progress of jazz through speaking the language of modern music so eloquently with his trumpet and for being the exceptional person that he was in life. The history of modern jazz is essentially his history—as he lived it and played it. In death, may he rest well, but not be forgotten.

Allen Williams

Harvard New Jazz Society
Wilmington, June 29.

"Letters to the Editor, Clifford Brown"



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Musical Tribute Paid Bedford Crash Victim

The Wilmington Musicians Union band played funeral music for two hours last night in front of the Bell Funeral Home, 909 Poplar Street, during the viewing for Clifford B. Brown, 25, who was killed Wednesday on the Pennsylvania Turnpike near Bedford.

The young trumpet player had become something of a "musicians' musician" during his brief career and recently broke into wide popularity with his best-selling Mercury record, "Study in Brown," with drummer Max Roach.

Musicians from New York and Philadelphia were at Bell's last night and floral tributes came from bands and individuals, some in the shape of trumpets and musical notes.

The funeral was at 1 p. m. today in Mt. Carmel Methodist Church with interment in Mt. Zion Cemetery.

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A graduate of the Howard High School, Brown attended Delaware State College at Dover. A trumpet player, he recently returned from a tour of Europe with Lionel Hampton and his orchestra, and is currently playing with Max Roach's orchestra in California.

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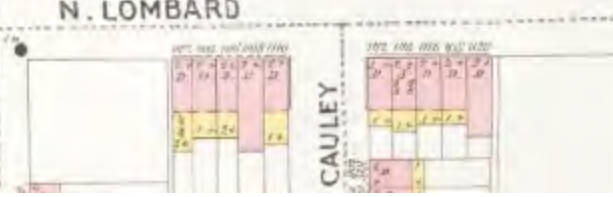
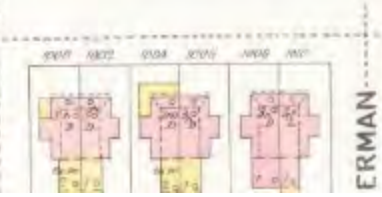
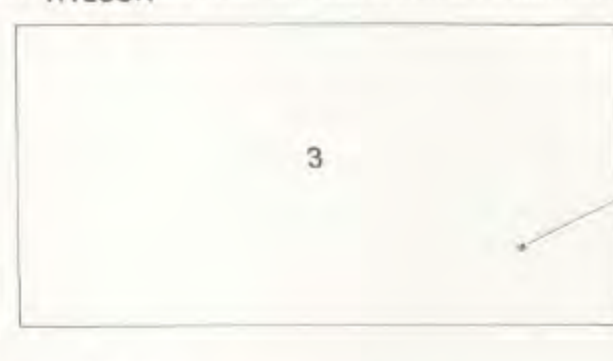
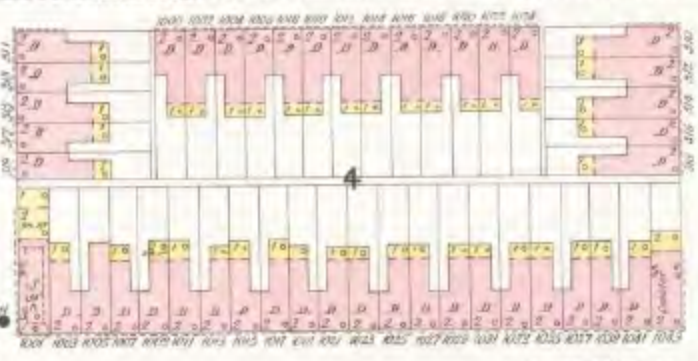
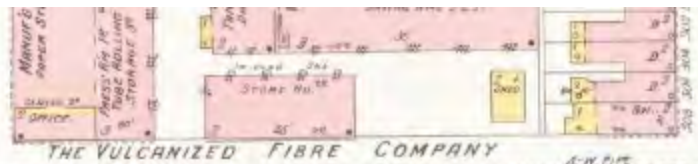
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Street to be renamed for Clifford Brown

Wilmington proudly trumpets the late jazz maestro's local roots

By **TERRY SPENCER**
Staff reporter

WILMINGTON — Clifford Brown, still Delaware's most respected musician 41 years after his death, will be recognized today when six blocks of Poplar Street will be formally renamed after him.

The 900 through 1400 blocks of Poplar will be renamed Clifford Brown Walk after the jazz trumpeter, whose stature in the music world is comparable to Dizzy Gillespie and Miles Davis. This will be the first Wilmington street to be named after a local African American. The city already has named its annual jazz festival — which begins Wednesday — after Brown, along with a Northeast park.

Brown grew up at 1013 N. Poplar St., where the 3 p.m. renaming ceremony will take place. A statue of Brown also will be unveiled on the now-vacant lot and a jam session featuring local musicians will follow the ceremony. LaRue Brown Watson, his widow, is expected to attend.

Recordings made of Brown, who died in a 1956 traffic accident at the age of 25, are still sold worldwide, said Harmon R. Carey, executive director of the Afro-American Historical Society of Delaware and a bandmate of his at Howard High School.

"He reached stardom in the '50s and was one of the greats of his day," Carey said. "He is still exceptionally popular, particularly in Japan and Europe."

Clifford Brown Jazz Festival

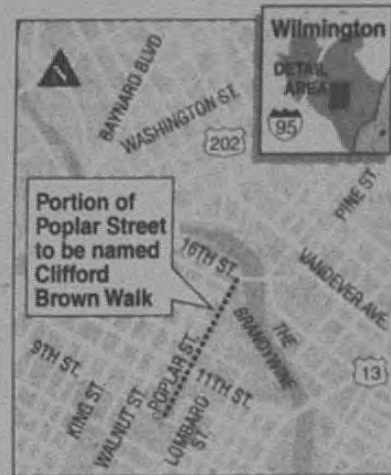


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What: Ceremony renaming a portion of Poplar Street "Clifford Brown Walk."

When: 3 today

Where: 1000 block of North Poplar St.



The News Journal

In the reference book "Jazz — The Rough Guide," author Ian Carr wrote that Brown "had genius as both a trumpet soloist and a composer/bandleader" and "was one of the fullest and most beauti-

ful trumpet sounds in jazz."

"He had excellent range, great stamina, superb execution and an apparently inexhaustible capacity for melodic invention which expressed itself at any tempo,

whether breakneck, medium or slow," Carr wrote. "But above all, his music exuded warmth and joy, and it is these qualities which gave his brilliance such human eloquence.

"His music reflected his personality and character — he was clean-living, disciplined and had a warm, gentle disposition."

It was these personal characteristics, Carey said, that led his group to push for the renaming of the street.

"We want to show young people that even though you come from modest circumstances, you can still ascend to greatness if you are willing to work hard," Carey said. "As great as Clifford Brown was, whenever you walked by his house, you would hear him practicing. It is that work ethic that we need to instill in young people. As much God-given talent as he had, there were others who had just as much. But it was because he worked that he achieved greatness."

STATE OF DELAWARE
STANDARD CERTIFICATE OF BIRTH

State File No.....

Registered No... 4295

1. PLACE OF BIRTH—

County... New Castle..... State of Delaware

Hundred..... or Village.....

City... Wilmington..... No. 1013 Poplar..... St. 6th..... Ward

(If birth occurred in a hospital or institution, give its NAME instead of street and number)

2. Full name of child... Clifford Benjamin Brown..... } If child is not yet named, make supplemental report, as directed

3. Sex male } If plural births } 4. Twin, triplet, or other..... } 5. Number, in order of birth..... } 6. Premature Full term? yes } 7. Legitimate? yes } 8. Date of birth 10-30-30, 1930 (Month, day, year)

9. Full name FATHER Joseph Brown

18. Full maiden name MOTHER Estella Hackett

10. Residence (usual place of abode) (If nonresident, give place and State) Wilmington, Del.

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11. Color or race negro } 12. Age at last birthday 37 (years)

20. Color or race negro } 21. Age at last birthday 38 (years)

13. Birthplace (city or place) (State or country) Wilmington, Del.

22. Birthplace (city or place) (State or country) Kent County, Md.

14. Trade, profession, or particular kind of work done, as spinner, sawyer, bookkeeper, etc. mill hand

23. Trade, profession, or particular kind of work done, as housekeeper, typist, nurse, clerk, etc. housewife

15. Industry or business in which work was done, as silk mill, sawmill, bank, etc. mill

24. Industry or business in which work was done, as own home, lawyer's office, silk mill, etc. housewife

16. Date (month and year) last engaged in this work 11-12-30, 1930

25. Date (month and year) last engaged in this work 11-12-30, 1930

17. Total time (years) spent in this work 3 yrs.

26. Total time (years) spent in this work 16 yrs.

27. Number of children of this mother (At time of this birth and including this child) (a) Born alive and now living 8 (b) Born alive but now dead 0 (c) Stillborn 0

28. If stillborn, period of gestation { months or weeks } 29. Cause of stillbirth { Before labor or During labor }

30. VERIFICATION OF NAME BY PARENT Clifford Benjamin Brown CORRECT NAME OF CHILD Estella Brown NAME OF PARENT

CERTIFICATE OF ATTENDING PHYSICIAN OR MIDWIFE

I hereby certify that I attended the birth of this child, who was born alive at 5:30 P.m. on the date above stated. (Born alive or stillborn)

(Signed)....., M. D.

Given name added from a supplemental report..... NOV 17 1930 (Date of)..... or Harriet E. Gordon, Midwife

Address. 1223 S. 1st St. Filed....., 19..... Registrar.

Edw. J. Armstrong Registrar

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