Quick-on-trigger tipsters hit target

AFRO tipsters were quick on the triggers this week in calling in tips on various news stories.

Tiptop tipster of the week was the caller who 'phoned early in the morning to tell of the death of the longshoreman on Pier 7. He wins $5.

Another tipster who supplied additional vital information on this tragedy wins $4.

Not far behind, with a $3.50 award, was the caller who told about the death of the man in the 1100 block of Orleans Street last Saturday.

Following closely, with a $3 check, is the tipster who told of the man's body being found in the 1100 block Laurens St.

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TWO - DOLLAR checks are being sent for the following tips:

A Conway St. fatality; the two-year-old, Callow Ave. girl who died in her fall from a second-story window; the arrest of a Baltimore County numbers pick-up man.

Also: Girl struck by a cab on Edmondson Ave.; additional information on an accident; girl shot in the face on Port St., and the ten-year-old boy who ran into a car.

A $1.50 check goes for the account of an Indian official's speech.

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CHECKS FOR $1 are being sent for the following tips:

Woman shot in 800 block Pennsylvania Ave.; pastor suffered fatal heart attack; a laundry robbery; an automobile accident and a girl hit by a car in the 2400 block of Old Annapolis Rd.

Checks are sent out every week for news tips and it is simple to earn cash this way.

Here is all you do:

Call MU. 5-6015, 6016, 1912 or 1813. If no answer, call LA. 3-3024.

A sum of $50 is set aside each week for NEWS TIPS and NEWS PHOTOS; there are winners every week.

Winners are selected on the basis of the newsworthiness of the tip called in; in case of more than one tip on a single story, the first caller gets priority.

The decision of the judges is final.

PHOTO MADE Wednesday morning as city employees sprayed third-floor quarters where decomposed body of 75-year-old John Bland was found at 1107 Laurens St. Mrs. Eluster Green, who lives on the second floor, told the AFRO Mr. Bland had not been seen by her since last Saturday. She said he lived alone, and only spoke to other tenants in the house. Mrs. Green said she would know that he was in his apartment by hearing him walk across the floor, or by seeing him looking out of his front window.

YW residence camp for girls opening on Sat., August 23

Monday, Aug. 18, is the deadline for registrations for the YWCA Camp Wander-Withus. This residence camp for girls opens Saturday, Aug. 23, and continues through Labor Day, Sept. 1.

Located 62 miles south of Baltimore at the Druid Hill camp site, Camp Wander-Withus will place special emphasis on teaching every girl to swim this year.

A qualified Red Cross instructor will be on hand twice daily to teach in the mornings and to serve as lifeguard during the afternoon general swim periods.

The camp fee is only $44.60 for ten days which includes transportation to and from the camp, food, lodging, health and accident insurance, program leadership, etc. The YWCA is now offering a free gift to those registered as of Friday, August 15, if they recruit one camper each.

A beautiful Camp Wander-Withus Tee shirt will be presented free to each person bringing in one new camper by Tuesday, August 19th. So, remember, if you are now registered for Camp Wander-Withus and you bring in one NEW camper by the 19th of August, you will receive absolutely free a beautiful Camp Wander-Withus Tee shirt!!

THOSE REGISTERED for camp as of Wed., Aug. 13, are: Pamela Jones, Joyce Davis, Carol Davis, Ulyssa Glover, Carolyn Weaver, Barahra Weaver, Winnie Jackson, Karen V. Sharp, Sevalya Hill, Bertha Pinder, Faith Whitman, Sonja Whitman, Sandra Whitman, Benita Whitman, Carrie Roberts, Mary Blackwell, Vashti Smith, Patricia Gray, Frances Wood, Catherine West, Cynthia Brown, Cheryl Kent, Sylvia Davis, Pamela Holmes, Nancy Ross, Carla Small, Joyce Elaine Carter, Yvette Barnes, Yvonne Barnes, Vivian Harrison and Linda Lee.

Several organizations and individuals donated campersships to the YWCA and they comprise the 1958 Camp Wander-Withus Honor Roll. They are: Delta Sigma Theta Sorority, Big Sisters, Lambda Kappa Mu Sorority, Phi Delta Kappa Sorority, Mrs. James Dorsey, Mr. J. Arnett Frisby, Dr. Maurice Doles, Hendin's Hollywood Fashions, Select Matrons' Culture Club.

Very enthusiastic about this year's camping season, the dramatics counselor, Miss Doris Brodie of Towson State Teachers College has composed a poem for potential campers:

It says:

CAMP WANDERWITHUS.

Come get on the bus and go with us

We're going to Camp Wander-Withus

When we hear that horn so early in the morn

We rise and shine without a fuss.

The Flag will rise, then we close our eyes

To worship and Thank God for the day.

After we eat, make our cabins neat,

Activities get under way.

We'll dance, we'll sing, and do everything

That any good camper would like.

There'll be archery, music—we'll let you choose it—

And sometimes we'll go on a hike.

Canoeing, dramatics, and nature lore—

Informal games and swimming are in store.

This sounds like fun, and if I were you

I'd tell my neighbor to come along, too.

You will have the best counselors by far;

Here are their names so you'll know who they are:

Elaine, Sylvia, Shirley and Betty,

Carol, Pat and Rose will be ready.

Barbara, Evelyn and Mattie B.,

Gilda, Doris and Gloria you will see.

We have said all this because we know

To CAMP WANDER-WITHUS you will go!

Youth facing death awaits sentence

Sentence was still being withheld at AFRO press time on William Corbin Jr., 17, 1300 block Woodyear St., convicted in Criminal Court last Thursday of the criminal attack on a 75-year-old blonde matron.

Judge Edwin Harlan delayed the sentence for a study of a medical report on the youth.

Young Corbin faces death or life imprisonment, as a result of a guilty conviction on the first count of a rape indictment.

He was found guilty of attacking Mrs. Flora Marcus, 2700 block N. Calvert St., on June 16 near her home, and beating her so severely she is still under medical care, according to trial testimony.

$50 is total set aside each week for News Tips and News Photos. For News Tips, call MU. 5-4015, 6016, 1812 and 1813. If no answer, call LA. 3-3024. Bring your News and Photos to the City Desk.

Child 3, wounded, mother shot in hand

"I though it was a toy."

That was the comment of a young mother after her three-year-old daughter was accidently shot in the right cheek Wednesday morning, police have reported.

Both the mother, Mrs. Katherine Carter and her daughter Katherine, were admitted to St. Joseph Hospital following the mishap in their home at 1630 N. Port St.

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MRS. CARTER was shot in the right thumb when the revolver discharged.

The bullet which struck the little girl entered the right cheek and lodged in her throat. Her condition was described as not critical.

Hospital authorities stated that her chances for recovery were good.

Northeastern District police reported the accident occurred around noon after the child wandered into an upstairs room and returned down stairs with a gun in her hand.

Thinking that the revolver was a toy, Mrs. Carter was about to take the weapon when it discharged, police said.

The mother said she was not aware that there was a gun in the house, it was reported.

Baby rally at Perkins Square

A baby rally was held at Perkins Square Baptist Church for the benefit of Men's Day.

The first prize, a silver cup, was awarded to Margaretta Bailey; second prize, a silver set (knife, fork, spoon), went to Romaine Wilkins.

The third prize, a bobing bank was won by Harace Benjamin. Men's Day will be held on Sunday October 26.

Joe Elly was chairman. Alvin Truesdale was captain and the Rev. Ward D. Yerby, is pastor.

Baby's body found in Jones Falls

The torso of an infant child with the lower part of its body missing was fished from the Jones Falls Thursday morning by three teenage boys.

Eastern District police surmised that the infant, whose sex could not be determined, had been in the water for four days.

The discovery was made around noon by the three teenagers who were fishing off the Lombard St. bridge with a safety pin on a string.

The youths, who had at first taken the infant to be a doll, pulled the body to shore with the aid of a bushel basket on a string.

AFRO finds his lost brother dead

Daniel Desmond, 74, 240 S. Burnett St., East Orange, N.J., came to the AFRO offices on Wednesday looking for his long lost brother, Robert Desmond, 80, who used to live at 624 N. Caroline St. before the houses were torn down there.

He had not seen Robert in 10 years.

Mr. and Mrs. Desmond at the AFRO located the brother peeting to place a missing persons advertisement however, the ANRO located the brother and his wife, Mrs. Florence Desmond at 1921 Rutland Ave.

In gratitude for help in locating the brother's address, Mr. and Mrs. Daniel Desmond left $1 toward the AFRO Clean Block Campaign now in progress.

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LATER WEDNESDAY Mr. and Mrs. Desmond went to the Rutland Ave. address expecting a happy reunion with the brother but the trip ended in sorrow.

Robert Desmond died in January just eight months before the search for him began.

On Thursday, Mr. and Mrs. Desmond called the AFRO. Said Mr. Desmond: "I wish I had contacted the AFRO sooner. I would like to have seen my brother once more before he died."

While visiting in Baltimore the Daniel Desmonds are guests of Mrs. Desmond's sister, Mrs. Lillie Jones, 645 N. Schroeder St.

Robert Desmond, the deceased brother, was a retired stevedore before his death. Born the son of the late John and Rosie Desmond, he spent his early childhood in Concord, N.C.

In addition to his widow, Mrs. Florence Desmond, he is survived by his brother, Daniel, East Orange; and two sisters, Mrs. Lizzie Boger and Mrs. Esther Barnes both of Concord, N.C.

COPE issues booklet on getting new voters

The Baltimore Committee on Political Education, AFL-CIO, currently has on hand a limited supply of the national committee's new publication, "A Political Primer for (Voter) Registration."

However, the copies here are mainly for union leaders and the local office advises interested persons to contact the national committee, 815 16th St., NW, Washington 6, D.C.

The new booklet, with detailed information on how to organize for and successfully conduct registration campaigns, is a valuable guide for any person interested in increasing registration.

A few copies may be had at the local COPE office by politicians or interested citizens.

No sentence yet for man, with 2 'wives'

Judge E. Paul Mason had passed no sentence at AFRO press time on Alfred B. Cobb, 21, who pleaded guilty in Criminal Court last Friday to a bigamy charge.

Sentence had been withheld at conclusion of the trial, pending a Probation Department report.

Mr. Cobb is accused of marrying Mrs. Betty Jean Snell Cobb, 2200 block Reisterstown Rd., in June, 1953.

Trial testimony was that they separated in January, 1954, and have two children.

It was also testified Mr. Cobb then married Mrs. Louise Stevenson Cobb, on June 21, just 48 days prior to his trial.

Announcement of this marriage in the AFRO led to the two wives contacting each other and placing the charge.

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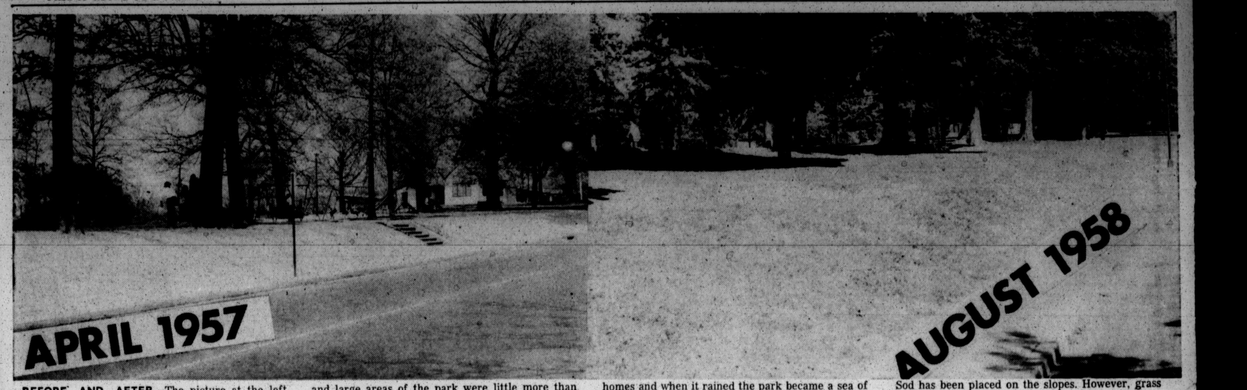


BEFORE AND AFTER—The picture at the left shows Easterwood Park, Bentalou and Baker Sts., as it was in April 1957. The slopes were bare of grass and large areas of the park were little more than miniature dust bowls. Residents of the area complained that in dry weather the dust sifted into their homes and when it rained the park became a sea of mud. Their story was published in the AFRO and the second picture shows how the park looks today. Sod has been placed on the slopes. However, grass is still missing on the flat surface of the park.

WHERE TO GO FOR SUMMER FUN

In answer to a number of requests from readers the AFRO is reprinting a list of state owned facilities where outdoor activities may be enjoyed.

The facilities are open to all, it is suggested that readers clip this for handy reference.

NAME AND ADDRESS	WHAT THEY OFFER	DIRECTIONS
1. — Swallow Falls, State Forest — Forest Superintendent, Harrington Manor, Oakland, Md.	Camping, fishing, swimming.	5 miles northwest of Oakland, Garrett County, Md.
2. — Swallow Falls Recreation Area — Same address listed for above.	Picnicking, fishing, camping, sanitary facilities, hiking.	9 miles northwest of Oakland, Garrett County, Md.
3. — Harrington Manor Recreation Area—Same address as for Swallow Falls.	Picnicking, swimming, fishing, boating, vacation cabins, sanitary facilities, hiking, bathhouse, concession.	5 miles northwest of Oakland, Garrett County, Md.
4. — Savage River State Forest — Forest Superintendent, New Germany Recreation Area, Grantsville, Md.	Fishing, camping, hunting.	West and south of Grantsville, Garrett County.
5. — New Germany Recreation Area—Same address as for Savage River.	10 cabins, bunk house, 13 acre lake, 140 picnic tables, 7 shelters, 2 pavilions, hiking, sanitary facilities, camping, fishing, swimming, winter sports.	5 miles southwest of Highway 40, turn 1 mile east of Grantsville, Garrett County.
6. — Big Run Recreation Area — Same address as for Savage River.	Picnicking, cabins, camping, hiking.	5 miles south of New Germany, Garrett County Md.
7. — Potomac State Forest—Forest Superintendent, Potomac State Forest, Deer Park, Md.	Fishing, camping, hunting, hiking.	Potomac River and Backbone Mountain, State Highway 135, Garrett County.
8. — Deep Creek Lake—Park Superintendent, Deep Creek Lake State Park, Star Route, Oakland, Md.	Picnicking, swimming, camping, hunting, sanitary facilities, bathhouse, hiking.	North Side Lake — one mile north of Thayerville, Garrett County.
9. — Dans Mountain State Park — District Forester, Cumberland, Md.	Picnicking, hunting and hiking.	One half mile northeast of Lanaeoning, Allegany County.
10. — Green Ridge State Forest — Forest Superintendent, Green Ridge State Forest, Flintstone, Md.	Picnicking, fishing, camping, hunting, hiking.	21 miles east of Cumberland on Highway 44, Washington County.
11. — Fort Frederick State Park — Park Superintendent, Fort Frederick State Park, Big Pool, Md.	Playground equipment, picnicking, fishing, boating, camping, historic structures, sanitary facilities.	5 miles south of Clearspring, off Highway 44, Washington County.
12. — Washington Monument State Park — Park Superintendent, Washington Monument State Park, Middletown, Md.	Picnicking, historic structures, sanitary facilities, hiking, concessions.	2 miles east of Boonsboro, Frederick and Washington Counties.
13. — Gathland State Park—Park Superintendent, Gathland State Park, Box 374, Burkittsville, Md.	Picnicking, camping, historic structures, sanitary facilities, hiking.	Crampton Gap on Rt. 572, one mile west of Burkittsville, Washington and Frederick Counties.
14. — Gambrill State Park—Park Superintendent, Gambrill State Park, Rt. 5, Frederick, Md.	Playground equipment, picnicking, fishing camping, hunting, hiking, sanitary facilities, concession.	6 miles northwest of Frederick, Frederick County.
15. — Cunningham Falls State Park — Park Superintendent, Cunningham Falls State Park, Myersville, Md.	Picnicking, fishing, camping, historic structures, hunting, sanitary facilities.	16, miles north of Frederick, on U.S. Highway 15.
16. — South Mountain Hunting, Watershed Area — District Forester, Cumberland, Md.		Top of South Mountain, Washington and Frederick Counties.
17. — Seneca Creek State Park — Roy Bladen, Rt. 1, Travilah Road, Rockville, Md.	Picnicking fishing, camping, nature trails, hunting, hiking.	Three miles west of Gaithersburg on Rt. 117, Montgomery County, Md.
18. — Patapsco State Park — Park Superintendent, Patapsco State Park District 460, Box 78, Elkridge, Md.	Playground equipment, picnicking, fishing, boating, camping, nature trails, hiking, concession, sanitary facilities.	Along Patapsco River from Rt. 301 to Sykesville, Baltimore, Howard, Carroll, and Anne Arundel Counties.
19. — Sandy Point State Park —Park Superintendent, Sandy Point State Park, Rt. 2, Annapolis, Md.	Picnicking, swimming, fishing, boating, sanitary facilities, concession, bathhouse.	North of Revell Highway at western terminus of Bay Bridge, Anne Arundel County.
20. — Cedarville State Forest —Forest Superintendent, Cedarville State Forest, Brandywine, Md.	Picnicking, camping, nature trails, hunting, hiking, sanitary facilities.	5 miles southeast of Cedarville, Prince Georges and Charles Counties.
21. — Doncaster State Forest —Same address as for Cedarville.	Picnicking, camping, hunting, hiking.	1½ miles east of Doncaster, State Highway 6, Charles County.
22.—Rocks State Park—Park Superintendent, Rocks State Park, Rocks, Md.	Picnicking, fishing, concession, sanitary facilities.	6 miles northwest of Bel Air on Rt. 24, Harford County.
23. — Elk Neck State Forest —District Forester, Bel Air, Md.	Hunting.	One mile east of North East, Cecil County, Md.
24. — Pocomoke State Forest —Forest Superintendent, Pocomoke State Park, Rt. 1, Pocomoke City, Md.	Hunting.	Between Snow Hill and Pocomoke City, both sides of river, Worcester County.
25. — Milburn Landing Recreation Area in Pocomoke Forest—Same address as for above.	Playground equipment, picnicking, fishing, camping, sanitary facilities.	Seven miles northeast of Pocomoke City, off State Highway 364, eight miles southwest of Snow Hill, north side of river, Worcester County.
26. — Smallwood's State Forest — District Superintendent, Laurel, Md.	Historic structure, sanitary facilities.	Four miles east of Pisgah, off State Rt. 224, Charles County.

TB Association sets deadline

Tuesday, September 2, has been announced as the closing date of the Send In Your Ice Cream Stick to the Maryland Tuberculosis Association Campaign.

"We hope to cash in on the Labor Day weekend ice cream rush and then call it quits," Walter W. Jones, spokesman for the campaign said, "So far, we're delivered 231,229 ice cream sticks to the patients at Mount Wilson State Hospital. This means the occupational therapy department has a good six months supply to make bowls, baskets, lamps or whatever strikes the patients as a good idea."

Mr. Jones issued a request to all those who have been saving the sticks until they have a large quantity to send or bring them as soon as possible to association headquarters at 909 St. Paul Street or to the Chest X-ray Screening Center at 825 North Charles Street. He added that the announcement of the closing date is made in response to numerous inquiries of "How soon is this thing going to end?"

Anyone who wants to send in washed ice cream sticks after the campaign closes is requested to mail them to Mrs. Elizabeth Arnold, Director of the Occupational Therapy Department, Mount Wilson State Hospital, Mt. Wilson, Maryland. Mrs. Arnold explained that the patients have expressed their thanks to all those who have sent ice cream sticks to them.

65 FEET UP!—That's where Jeff, 18, and Pompey Swann have to send food and water up to their employer, Paul Hatfield, a professional acrobat who is trying to break the pole sitting record in the 4600 block Belair Rd. in Baltimore. Says Mr. Hatfield, "Those boys are really taking care of me. I don't think I could have done without them."

MS Hope Chest campaign needs volnnteer help

Nine thousand volunteer workers — double the number for last year — will be enlisted by the Maryland Chapter of the National Multiple Sclerosis Society to carry on the State's attack on one of the most baffling and deadly diseases known to mankind, according to Alexander Lempert, chairman of the Board of Directors.

He said they will take part in the 1958 MS Hope Chest Campaign, to be held September 1 to 30.

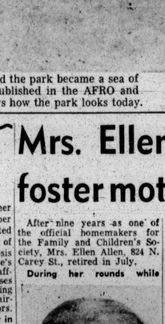
Maryland's goal for this year is $80,000.

Men and women are needed for various duties, Mr. Lempert said, from the handling of mail in the campaign office to the recruiting of workers for the Hope Chest March, which has been scheduled in Baltimore City for the evening of September 17. Those who wish to volunteer may do so at once by telephoning Plaza 2-5230, or calling in person at campaign headquarters at One North Calvert Street.

Mrs. Ellen Allen retires; was foster mother to 258 children

After nine years as one of the official homemakers for the Family and Children's Society, Mrs. Ellen Allen, 824 N. Carey St., retired in July.

During her rounds while working with families under the society's care, Mrs. Allen was "mother" to more than 258 children.



MRS. ELLEN ALLEN

Her duties included everything a mother would do in the home and Mrs. Allen is known as one of the most faithful, willing andflexible "substitute mothers" the Family organization had in many years.

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WHEN MOTHERS were ill, in the hospital or had died, Mrs. Allen moved in and took over while the father went on to 'work.

She cared for the children until the father returned, washed the dishes and even tucked the little ones in before she left for the night.

The day's work covered house cleaning, washing clothes, ironing and cooking meals, and although it required adjustment to many different kinds of homes, Mrs. Allen was successful.

Even when the mother deserted her brood, Mrs. Allen stayed to fill her place until the case worker could make provisions for the family.

The pleasant, kind "substitute mother" took over for a special purpose — to strengthen the home, to keep the home fires burning until adjustments could be made.

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HER DIRECTOR, Miss Grace Sperow of the Family and Children's Society told the AFRO on Wednesday:

"We are indeed sorry for Mrs. Allen to leave us. She was understanding, full of feeling for people and most of all she had a desire to serve. She did this faithfull."

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HOWEVER, as the AFRO talked with Mrs. Allen, it was learned that though "retired" she is still busy helping families get on their feet, baking cakes, and visiting her "stepchildren "whom she loves dearly.

She said: "I think it was meant to be a part of my life.

"I still see them as a lot to be done to help unfortunate families and that's just what I'm doing.

"I talk with them each day, my step children, and they range from infants up to some of them who are now grown and married."

Mrs. Allen said that recently she was called to attend Christening ceremonies of twins whom she cared for as a homemaker.

She added: "I went by, got them dressed and then stood with them and had my picture taken.

"I have some I bake cakes for and I baby them just like I used to do when they needed my services as a mother."

MRS. ALLEN has been married to Chester Allen, a retired caretaker for eight years. He is an evangelist at Carter's Temple Church of God in Christ. They have no children.

The faithful "step - mother" is a member of Macedonia Baptist Church where she has attended since she was a young girl.

The Allens reside in a second floor apartment where Mrs. Allen has managed to grow many beautiful flowers on her porch.

They are her hobby but flowers rank second to children who are her heart and life, as she says.

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THE FAMILY and Children's Society has 18 homemakers such as Mrs. Allen.

There are now three of substitute mothers gave aid in 108 families where 31 of their mothers were gone for good - hotel cases, 21 were mothers ill at home, 28 were mothers confined to hospitals.

Funds for the homemakers' program come in part from the annual Community Chest - Red Cross United Appeal.

This 'top job' pays off in laughs and $$

The job that crowns them all is that of playing "understudy" to a pole sitter.

Two brothers, 18-year-old Jeff Swann and 17-year-old Pompey Swann, have played understudy to Paul "Sky-High" Hatfield, a professional acrobat and pole sitter, for the past two months.

Jeff and Paul get a big kick out of their roles as employees for a pole sitter.

The only thing Pompey doesn't like is the "cracks" people make about the sanity of his employer.

He says, "I just don't like it. I can't stand people who make fun of my friends and this guy is tops."

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POMPEY AND HIS brother Jeff, live in a trim little trailer at the foot of the pole in the 4600 block Belair Rd.

"This thing is real cute," says Pompey, speaking of the trailer which was provided by the pole sitter for the boys who work 24 hours a day.

Describing the interior of the trailer, Pompey says, "It has a kitchen and living room combined, a bedroom and bath. The kitchen has these cabinets all around the walls too."

For the man who has not come down from his six-by-four platform atop a 65-foot pole since Sunday, Aug. 3rd, Pompey says his day begins when he sends up breakfast in a basket on a pulley.

His employer never eats lunch says Pompey, because he usually has a late breakfast, after breakfast, says Pompey, he sends up water for Paul's bath.

Until dinner time, the lad says, "I just stand around and answer the telephone and people's silly questions."

THE MOST FREQUENT "silly questions?"

"People always ask me if there is a bathroom up there, how does he take a bath, does he ever come down."

Pompey also says he sends a bucket up on a pulley for everything.

Pompey says' another favorite question is: "How much I make. I never tell them be cause I work for different amounts."

"Explaining how he happened to get such an off - beat job, Pompey says, "My oldest brother, Clarence, works for Miss Penny Cameron who sponsors Paul." My brother Jeff started work out here one day before I did.'

Do they like the job?

Of course. Says Pompey: "I sure like it because you meet all kinds of crazy people — they laugh all the time and I like that."

While interviewing Pompey, he laughed all the time — so did Paul who was listening in on the "upstairs" extension phone.

Pompey says Paul is looking for bids from either the movies, television or both.

His employer has recently been a guest on several radio programs in Baltimore.

POMPEY SWANN
He's important to the sitter

Color-consciousness at Md. School for Blind

What difference should race, or the color of a person's face make to the blind?

We can't answer, but this situation was encountered recently by Mrs. Dora McCormick, 213 Homewood Ave., when she answered a want ad for housekeeper - housemother at the Maryland School for the Blind in Overlea.

In a letter to the AFRO, Mrs. McCormick said she was told by the school's business manager, Michael Annetta, that her application could not be accepted because his staff was not ready to be integrated.

He also said, reported Mrs. McCormick, that he could not "protect" a person of another race who might be hired.

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ON Wednesday, Mrs. Annetta confirmed the contents of Mrs. McCormick's letter. He told the AFRO:—

"I didn't mean I expected violence, when I mentioned protection, but people can do a lot with their mouths.

"I don't know if you have ever been in a situation where critical remarks have been made, you can't pin them down to one person (cannot determine the origin of the statement).

He added, "I lost two white housekeepers because of the same thing. There was nothing I could do about it and I can't punish the whole staff."

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MRS. McCORMICK'S letter to the AFRO read:

"When I called and asked if they were accepting applications on a non - discriminatory basis, I was referred to the business manager, Mr. Annetta, who told me, 'That position has already been filled'.

"I told him I would still like an answer to my question and he replied, 'As it is now, our staff is all white and due to the lack of protection for the person we might hire of another race, we decline to integrate the staff.'"

"Then, I asked him why did he feel protection was necessary.

"He told me that he was concerned about insults that may be made. He had no way of protecting one agrinst these.

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"I STATED I was broad-minded enough to ignore such things as insults, leaving them to the offender's ignorance.

"Then he told me that as far as he was concerned, the people that he had come in contact with of other races were "tops" but it was beyond his jurisdiction to mix his staff at this time.

Signed:

Mrs. DORA McCORMICK"

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THE MARYLAND School for the Blind is a state-supported institution.

In 1957, the school had an appropriation of $314,754 and the 1958, appropriation is $366,207. Last year's enrollment was 198 and is expected to climb to 215 by September.

The school has a faculty of 25 teachers and about 20 other workers.

Francis M. Andrews, superintendent, told the AFRO on Thursday that the matter of employment for Mrs. McCormick had not been brought to his attention.

"The business manager usually hires the other workers (outside of teacher)," he said.

WHEN ADVISED of Mr. Annette's statement to the AFRO Mr. Andrews said:

"I don't know why he would put it just that way. We have two colored teachers, one of whom has been here three years, the other going into the second year.

"The cook, bus drivers and janitors are all colored."

Mr. Andrews said all the housekeepers-mothers are white, explaining that "this is an individual thing and some whites would not be accepted."

"I'd rather go slow on something than make a mistake," he added.

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MR. ANDREWS added there had been "no violence at all" since the hiring of the two colored teachers, one in the shop and one in the Kindergarten.

He said the teachers, Mrs. Annie Porter and Isaac Clayton, both of Baltimore, live off campus by their own choice but attend all staff meetings and other functions.

As to the housekeeper-mother situation, Mr. Andrews said, "It's a problem and I'm quite aware of it. I'm sure I'm as much interested in it as anyone."