Fatal stabbing week's top winner

The first person to call the AFRO about the Turner Station housewife who fatally stabbed her husband of four months in New York City is this week's top winner in the AFRO Newstip Contest.

A second prize of $2 goes to the tipster who called in the information about the plane crash in Ferndale.

Two persons share $2 prizes this week. They are the ones who first called about the Baltimore matron's drowning at Beechwood Park and the baby boy's being found in shopping bag outside Provident Hospital.

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OTHER PRIZES of $1 each are being awarded to the persons who first called in the following tips:

Additional information on murder, boy dies from high wire burns, additional information on flim-flam victim, woman injured in taxi-auto crash at Carrollton and Lanvale, two-car crash on Russell St. near Pace, man hurt in accident at Fulton and North Aves.

Also on FW's body sent home for burial, accident at Druid Hill and Laurens, auto rams rear of truck at Braddish Ave. and Baker St., woman injured in taxi accident at Howard and Franklin St.

Also for blast at shipyard, attempted suicide by mother of three and first student admitted to Towson State Teachers College.

The AFRO has a total of $25 to pay out each week to persons who first call in information about happenings they think are newsworthy. Simply pick up the phone and call MUlberry 5-6015. Ask for the City Desk and tell the person who answers:

"I've got a newstip!"

Stroke victim, 78, needs hospital bed

A 78-year-old woman, who suffered a stroke almost a year ago, and has been bedridden since then, is badly in need of a hospital bed.

She is Mrs. Martha Johnson of 1153 N. Calhoun St. Mrs. Johnson lives with her daughter, Mrs. Rachel Dodd who rents a bed at a cost of $12 a month. She also pays someone to take care of her mother while she works.

Anyone who has a hospital bed to sell reasonably or who has one they wish to give away is asked to contact Mrs. Dodd at her home, or call MA. 3-5207.

GULDEN'S Mustard

Purse snatcher strikes woman

Mrs. Ethel Scarboro, 59, of the 1000 block W. Lexington St., told Northwestern police that a man struck her and knocked her her down at Lafayette Ave. and Carey Sts. Monday at 12:50 a.m. and snatched her pocketbook containing $3.

Mrs. Scarboro described the assailant as 23 years old, five feet, eight inches tall, thinly built and wearing a red plaid shirt. The victim did not require medical treatment.

NEW POLICE BOSS—James M. Hepbron, named police commissioner by Gov. McKeldin, takes the oath of office during cremonies in his Central Police Station office Wednesday. The oath is being administered by Eugene Creed, court bailiff, extreme right, while Mayor D'Alesandro, Governor McKeldin and Leon Abramson, City Council presidnt, look on. (AFRO Staff Photo by Sylvester Finney)

Hepbron is sworn in as city police commissioner

State and city leaders attended ceremonies at Central Police Station Wednesday, when James M. Hepbron was officially sworn in as police commissioner of Baltimore. The ceremonies were held at 11 a.m., in the presence of Gov. Theodore McKeldin and Mayor Thomas D'Alesandro.

Commissioner Hepbron began a six-year tenure on June 1, on the strength of a proclamation signed by Governor McKeldin.

The new commissioner, after taking the oath of office, administered by Eugene Creed, a court bailiff, praised the work done by the late Commissioner Beverly Ober and his determination to build a stronger police setup in Baltimore.

COMMISSIONER HEPBRON said he would endeavor to carry on the work begun by the late Commissioner Ober and to work for the benefit of the department and the city.

Among those who crowded the commissioner's office on the fourth floor to witness the swearing-in ceremony were members of Commissioner Hepbron's family, district police captains and police magistrates and members of City Council.

Governor McKeldin and Mayor D'Alesandro both congratulated the new commissioner and said that the people of Baltimore were getting the services of a devoted and conscientious leader.

Reidt heads parole

Governor McKeldin has appointed Wallace Reidt, managing director of Baltimore's Criminal Justice Commission, as chairman of the State Board of Parole and Probation.

Mr. Reidt, 57, succeeds Police Commissioner James M. Hepbron who gave up the post Wednesday when he was sworn into his new office.

9 Frontiers to go to Chicago confab

Nine persons from Baltimore, including six delegates, will attend the 14th annual national convention of the Frontiers of America to be held in Chicago July 27-30.

The Baltimore group will include: the Rev. Howard Cornish, William B. Day, W. Emerson Brown Sr., Robert Hill, Charles Jones, Daniel Spaulding, delegates, and Dr. Bernard Harris, past national president; Augustus Knox, sergeant-at-arms, and Paul Henderson, member of the national board of Maryland.

All of the local men will make their headquarters at the Conrad Hilton Hotel.

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A RECORD number of delegates is expected to attend the convention, according to Robert L. Neal, general chairman of the convention committee.

An impressive list of notables will be in the Parkway Ballroom and the Blue Room, 45th and South Parkway.

The Gary, Ind., chapter of the Frontiers, cooperating with the Chicago hosts, will stage the annual golf tournament on July 27 and will also hold a picnic.

A reception for the president will be held Thursday, July 28, at convention headquarters. The convention dance in the Grand Ballroom will be held Friday, July 29.

National officers and the board of directors will meet on Saturday, July 30.

THE CONVENTION headquarters will be at the Parkway Ballroom and the Blue Room, 45th and South Parkway.

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Boy, 14, loses fight for life

Had suffered high tension wire burns

A battle for life, waged by a 14-year-old boy since April 11 when he suffered first second and third degree burns over 80 per cent of his body and serious internal burns from a high tension electric wire, came to an end Wednesday.

Leon Jennings died at 12:25 p.m. in Kernan Hospital for Crippled Children on Windsor Mill Rd. He was the son of Mrs. Sarah Jennings of 1454 Delano Ct. in the Gilmor Project.

The medical examiner's office said death was due to bronchial pneumonia, acute cardiac failure and healing third degree burns.

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YOUNG JENNINGS was severely shocked by the 23,000 volt high tension at Edmondson Bridge one day after Easter, when he and two other young boys climbed to the top of a freight car and the youth accidentally touched the wire with his arm.

The jolt sent the boy crashing from the top of the freight car to the ground. He was rushed to Lutheran Hospital, where his condition was then described as critical.

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KERNAN HOSPITAL authorities said the youth had not suffered much in his last days and had been very cheerful in spite of his condition. He spoke often of the incident which led to his death.

It was explained that the lungs are severely damaged in acute cases of electrical burns causing the victim to have difficulty in breathing and severely straining the heart.

The hospital authorities said no skin grafts had been made on the youth, but he had received many blood transfusions since the tragedy.

When it was learned that the youth was dying, efforts were made to contact his mother, but she arrived at the hospital after the youth had died.

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YOUNG JENNINGS and two other boys, William Hill, 13, of 1713 Riggs Ave., and Joseph Perry, 13, of 1434 N. Mount St., had gone to the Edmondson Bridge to catch pigeons for the dead youth's coup.

Under the bridge, they climbed atop a freight car and when Jennings threw a stone to try to bring a pigeon to earth, his arm struck the high tension wire.

Funeral services will be held Sunday at 2 p.m. at Cooper's Funeral Home, 512 N. Carrollton Ave.

Survivors, beside the mother, are the father, Reuben Jennings, of New York City, and four sisters: Gladys and Lillian Jennings and Catherine and Carolyn Ann Williams.

Correction

A paragraph was omitted in the story, carried in this paper, last week, on the distribution of the estate of Andrew B. Palmer, late owner of the Oriole Dry Cleaners and Dyers.

Mr. Palmer, who died Feb. 20, left an estate of $31,587.69. Interest in the company was transferred to his children by the Orphans Court, according to the terms of his will. This was done to prevent interruption in the business. $25,146.67 of the estate remains to be distributed. The AFRO regrets the error.

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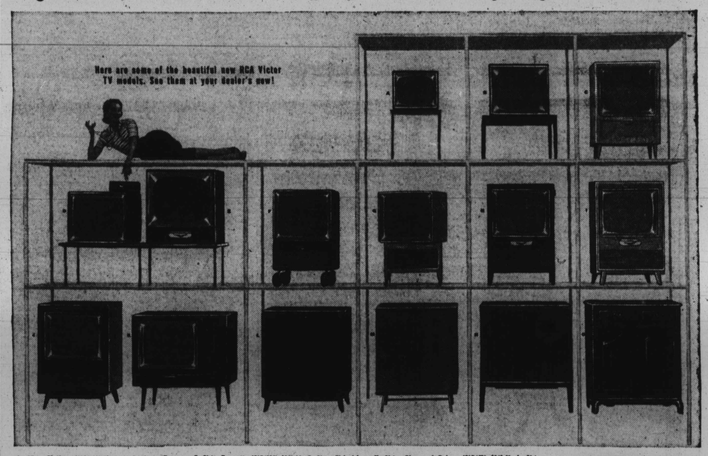
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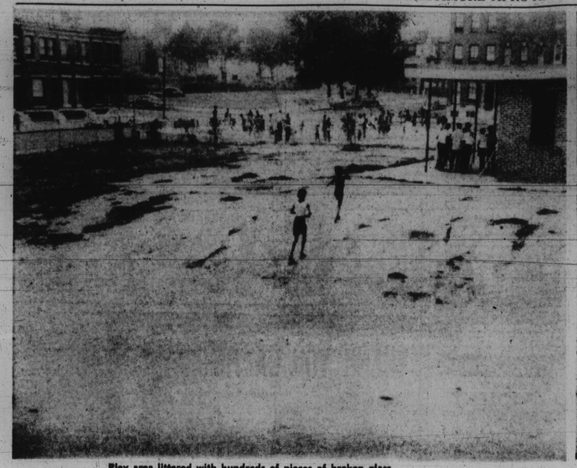
Play area littered with hundreds of pieces of broken glass.

No fresh water coming into this pool because it drains slowly.

Playground service called city problem

Broken glass litters play area at Gilmor and Laurens

Pool drain out-of-order

Drinking fountain out of order and benches broken

McAbee playground at Laurens and Gilmor Sts. is one of the few in the city with a wading pool.

For that reason 450 kids a day from all over the city come to use it.

But it is poorly maintained and Mrs. Erma Holland, director, says it seems nothing can be done about it.

AFRO reporters Monday found:

1. The play area littered with hundreds of pieces of broken glass.

2. Paper, wire, bottles, cans, pebbles, sticks, watermelon rinds among tall grass and on smooth areas.

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3. SAND BOXES not filled with sand. The reporter counted 347 bits of broken glass around one slide and then stopped counting. Some child cuts his foot each day, Mrs. Holland said.

4. The slide itself has a wiggley step which can be tightened in one minute with a wrench.

5. The drinking fountain has been out of order for two years.

6. Mrs. Holland, the director reports the city trash can empty and trash piled around it. "It's been that way since the third week in June when I came here," she said.

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7. THE WADING pool is open from 10 a. m. to 5:30 p. m. It should drain in one hour and one half but actually takes four or five hours, Mrs. Holland said.

The fresh water supply has to be cut off about 3:15 p. m. to empty the pool by dark. This mean that children who were wading at the time of the AFRO visit 4:15 p. m. to 5:30 p. m. were using standing water.

8. Three park benches are broken.

9. In the game room, screens are slashed, windows broken and the floor is dirty. The caretaker washes the floor "his way," Mrs. Holland said.

10. There are no light bulbs in three sockets around the recreation building.

11. **THE CARETAKER** is a Mr. Davidson whose hours are 6:30 a. m. to 2:30 p. m. five days a week. His store-room shows no leaf rake with which to rake up paper, glass and cans from the playground.

12. The high grass is filled with litter on both sides of the wire fence enclosing the playground. The pavement and streets are unsightly.

Also on duty at the playground are Robert Harris, Miss Ora Pullen and Mrs. Miran Strider. They work various hours in order that two persons may be on duty from 10 a. m. to 8:30 p. m.

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H. S. CALLOWHILL, head of the Bureau of Recreation, when told about the litter and the slowdrainage of the pool, ordered one of his supervisors to go investigate Tuesday and promised that the area would be cleaned up.

Asked if the caretaker had a leaf rake to get the glass, he checked, and then ordered one sent to him. However, he explained that even a leaf rake would not get up the fine pieces of glass.

Mr. Callowhill declared that each morning the pool was filled with broken glass "Because thoughtless persons do not realize the hazard. They throw bottles into the pool just to hear the glass crash," he said.

He stated he had thought the slow drainage of the pool had been straightened out, but when informed it had not, he declared it would be taken care of right away.

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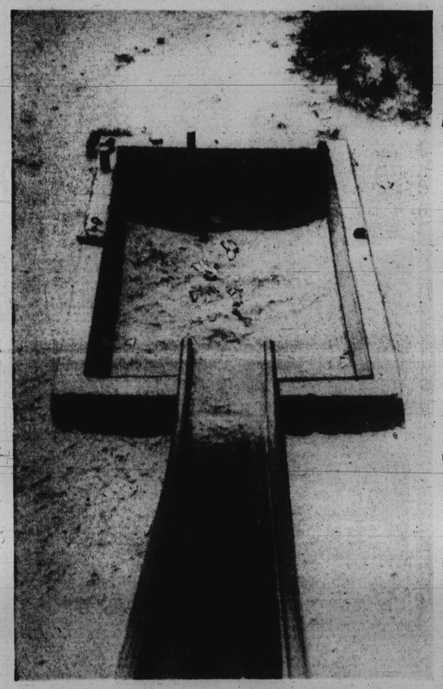
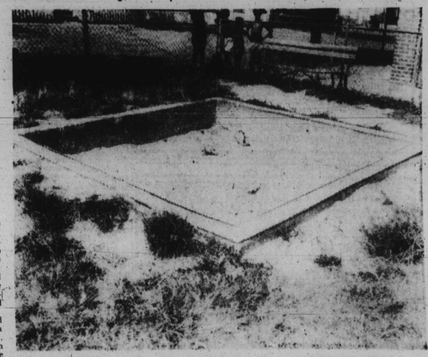
THE SCREENS and broken windows in the game room Mr. Callowhill stated had been repaired and he admitted it was a problem to keep them in good condition. He stated that his department would make an effort to repair them again.

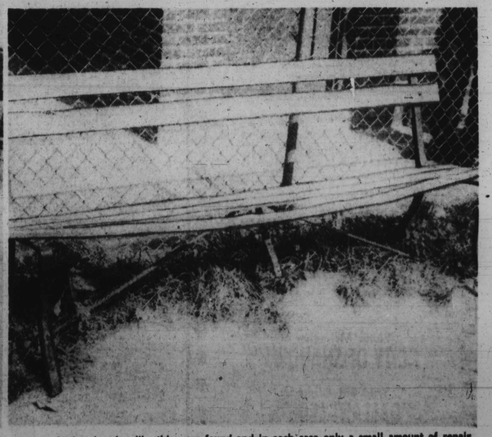
R. Brooke Maxwell, director of the Bureau of Parks, stated Tuesday that sand had been ordered for the sand boxes. Mr. Maxwell asked Edward Myerly, deputy superintendent, to take care of repairing the benches.


Reporters counted 347 bits of broken glass here and then stopped counting.


Tall grass surrounds this sand box which has very little sand in it.

Empty trash can has trash surrounding it which has been here since early June.

Water fountain has no water and ground is hard as clay. Opened cans, pebbles, sticks, watermelon rinds and wire were found in this play area.


Three broken benches like this were found and in each case only a small amount of repair was needed.