WHEN YOU FINISH READING YOUR AFRO PASS IT ALONG TO A FRIEND

Columbus school plans to deal with street brawls

By GAREY REYNOLDS

School children leaving Columbus Elementary School No. 99, Washington St. and North Ave., on any day, are likely to see older pupils engaged in a fight in their school yard.

The older pupils, usually from Clifton Park Junior High or Samuel Gompers Junior High Schools, for some undetermined reason, often seek to settle their differences near Columbus School.

For pupils seeing this, it could dim into their minds that this is the only way to react when there is a difference of opinion.

"It might become a status symbol of response," Jacob Epstein Columbus school principal explains.

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THE COLUMBUS school and neighborhood parents, alarmed about the incadents, have formed a program to seek out the cause or causes and put a stop to them.

After a "Summit Conference" called by Mr. Epstein in early January, "Operation Understanding" w a s launched to get at the cause.

"Stopping the fighting was not enough," Mr. Epstein said. "We wanted to find out why those children fought among themselves so much and what we could do about stopping it."

Thus an investigation launched by a Human Relations Committee showed the problem was one of overcrowded neighborhoods, which produced tension as people lived too close together. Behind this was a changing neighborhood with an influx of large families — sometimes two living together to meet expenses — which brought on the overcrowding.

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USUALLY FROM the low-income, unskilled worker class, these families were displaced by renewal projects in other parts of the city, or moved here from other states.

For some the feeling was by moving into the area they had moved up the economic ladder, Mr. Epstein explained.

Columbus school reflects the congested condition of the neighborhood with an enrollment of 1,500 plus pupils in a plant built for 900, and 18 classes on part - time.

The result is friction caused by rubbing elbows, frayed nerves and a rash of social ills.

Street fighting, Mr. Epstein and his committee believe, is just one way of expressing pressing pent-up feelings among the old as well as the young.

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ONCE SOURCE factors of trouble were located, the Human Relations Committee set down goals it wanted to reach as it moved toward eliminating the problem.

As the committee saw it they wanted to: reduce tension caused by close - living together; foster settling differences in a friendly way; develop in the child respect for the right of others; develop a regard for rules and regulations, and a knowledge of good citizenship; and develop kindness toward t h e family class, school and community.

The next step was bringing this information to t h e children, their parents, and the neighborhood.

During "Brotherhood Week" which began last Monday, the Columbus school launched a school - wide project to last the remainder of the year.

Discussions on friendship and understanding, will be a regular classroom assignment. Pupils will be encouraged to write about their experiences in getting along with each other.

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SOME CLASSES will give skits illustrating settling differences in a friendly way. Films will also be shown highlighting understanding and brotherhood.

Pupils were asked to make "friendship and understanding" posters which were judged and prizes were awarded.

Next week, community agencies will be asked in a meeting to give their views on settling the problems in the neighborhood.

Scheduled to speak at the school Monday, Mach 26, are Dr. Furman L. Templeton, executive director of the Baltimore Urban League; Alonzo Moss, representative from the YMCA; and Wilmer Bell, specialist in adult education.

Moving forward on other fronts, the PTA has been alerted to start mustering support for the project. And a conference of ministers is set for March 21, at the school.

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IN ALL CASES, Mr. Epstein says, "We want to get some know - how and t h e benefit of these people's experiences in settling similar problems in other neighborhoods."

Enthusiasm for the project has mounted as other schools facing similar problems have called Columbus School to inquire about its work.

Of this, Mr. Epstein says, "This is one of the most important things we ever have done."

"We are leading the children in learning the skills of understanding and getting along with each other, which will be even more important in their lives 10 to 15 years from now.

"If this can become contagious, we may get everybody in on it.

"It might even prove to be a possible basis for designing our future curriculum," he states.

Meanwhile after - school street fighting in the Columbus School yard may continue for a time as work is stepped up to end it for good.

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A QUEEN IS CROWNED — The queen in this case is Miss Deborah Freeman and the occasion is the Latrobe Homes Valentine Dance. To the right is Miss Jennifer Jones.

Sergeant Roach dead at age 66

Sergeant Dominic E. J. Roach, 66, desk sergeant at the Western District Police Station, died at South Baltimore General Hospital Saturday.

Sergeant Roach, a member of the Police Department for 38 years, entered the hospital two weeks ago for treatment of an irritation of the neck.

Funeral services have been scheduled for 9 a.m. Wednesday at our Lady of Good Counsel Church, Fort Ave. and Towson St.

A native of Galveston, Tex., Sgt. Roach is survived by his wife, Mrs. Elizabeth Roach of 1126 E. Fort Ave.; three sons, seven grandchildren and two sisters.

Mandel may propose plan to ease rights bill

ANNAPOLIS — Marvin Mandel (D. 5th D., Balto.) said here Wednesday he would propose an amendment to ease the restrictions of a public accommodations bill, if this proved necessary to insure its passage.

He has under consideration an amendment which would allow proprietors of public places to refuse service to persons who did not enter their establishments "in good faith."

Mr. Mandel said such an amendment would possibly make a bill of this nature more palatable to Eastern Shore delegations, in that it would allow them to refuse service to sit - in demonstrators and similar pressure groups interested only in testing the policy of an establishment.

"I am not against such demonstrations," he told the AFRO. "My interest is that a public accommodations bill gets passed. And maybe an amendment of this kind will help it through."

Several of the Eastern Shore areas have been the scene of a series of recent sit - in demonstratons by integrated groups testing the policies of public restaurants in regards to whether service is on a racial basis.

Representatives in the General Assembly from these areas have been expressing considerable concern about such demonstrations.

Narrow escape on beltway

Mrs. Miriam Dixon, and her son, Ike, narrowly escaped serious injury Saturday afternoon on the Baltimore Washington Parkway, when their car collided with another vehicle merging from the Greenbelt Exit into the Parkway.

The impact caused Mrs. Dixon's car to swearve across the Parkway divider, barely missing oncoming traffic.

Mrs. Dixon and her son were badly shaken, but refused medical aid and continued on to Washington.

The occuptans of the other vehicle, Sister Serphia and several other Nuns of St. Hughes Convent, decided to return to the Convent rather than continue to Washington.

Mrs. Dixon is the wife of bondsman Ike Dixon, 709 Wilbron Avenue.

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Assembly's 30-day meet ends March 8

ANNAPOLIS — The last scheduled day of this current 30 - day session of Maryland's General Assembly is March 8.

Gov. J. Millard Tawes is expected, however, to call a special session immediately following the close of this one to obtain passage of some promised measures eertain to be blocked during ulgmye:t te n to be blocked during the regulation 30 - day meet.

Final day for introduction of bills at this session, without a suspension of the rules is the coming Monday.

Has anybody here seen 'Rusty,' a dog that is?

Things haven't been the same at 1547 Kirkwood Rd. since Mrs. Joseph Imbiagullo gave Rusty away.

Rusty is a part boxer - terier male dog who was the pet of the neighborhood.

Mrs. Imbiagullo gave the dog away to a lady on Wednesday night and since then, the children have been heartbroken.

Now Mrs. Imbiagullo wants the dog back and is willing to pay $50 for Rusty's return and will give the new owner another dog.

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Scientist Of The Space Age

SEEKING THE UNKNOWN — Jerusa C. Wilson, scientist - engineer, takes research data from recorder. The information, detailing effects of isolation and confinement on space travelers, is fed to the recorder by an analogue computer.

Editor's Note — This is another in the AFRO's series on young people on the way up to the top. If you have any suggestion on a future subject, send it along to the AFRO City Desk, 628 N. Eutaw St.

"The first mile is the hardest. After that, each step is a little easier . . . so you keep going."

This philosophy is the guidepost for this week's young man on the move up—WAY UP!

It has taken him from a lonely and fatherless farm boy to a prominent place in the space race.

Meet Jerusa C. Wilson, senior engineer in life sciences.

Today, Mr. Wilson, a June candidate for a doctorate degree in quantative experimental psychology, is a scientist at the Martin Marietta Co., studying the human factor problem in space travel.

Determining the effects of continued confinement and isolation on astronauts during space flights, is an example of Mr. Wilson's research projects.

In 1952, the 26 - year - old phychologist was a tenant farm worker in the fields of his native Florida.

Between these extremes is a vivid story of notable achievements — scholar, husband, father and space scientist.

The young psychologist has a simple definition of the driving force behind it all:

"I suppose it was made possible because of a desire to work hard and make something out of myself."

Mr. Wilson, who, with his wife, Mrs. Gloria Wilson and son, Jerusa Jr., six months old, lives at 3915 Wabash Ave., said he discovered a sort of magic secret early in his career which aided his climb to success.

"I found that each achievement breeds a desire for higher achievement, and each one provides its own propulsion."

With the eagerness of a young child with a new toy, the psychologist explained his fondness for science.

"I like research because there is a great need for new knowledge in new fields and I enjoy the feeling this knowledge brings."

WHEN THE Space Age scientist receives his Ph.D. degree from the University of Maryland this summer, it will mark an achievement he dared dream of when a student at the simple little school in Marianna, Fla., where he was born.

Although he had the typical boyhood curiosity, a love for animals and an interest in their behavior, Mr. Wilson remembers, there was little hope then of rising above the humble surroundings of the farm.

The death of his father when he was 15 didn't improve the situation, he recalls. But as he puts it, "I decided I would make something out of myself."

After high school, he enrolled in Bethune Cookman College.

"But there was always the problem of money," he said.

However this temporary handicap was forced in the background by a bigger and more important factor:

"I wanted to attend a school where I could get a reasonably good education," he stated.

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SO IN 1954, Mr. Wilson deserted his native land and put down roots in Baltimore, where he took a B.S. degree in psychology from Morgan State College in 1957.

He chose Baltimore because "it gave me a better chance to work and attend school," he said.

While at Morgan, the scientist held down jobs on the campus, worked as a guard at the Sharp Street Memorial Methodist Church and at the Post Office.

Elated and encouraged over this first milestone, Mr. Wilson turned his sights to the second rung on the ladder leading to loftiness in the world of science.

He entered the two-year course in experimental psychology at Howard University and took a master's degree in 1959.

He worked as a psychologist at the National Institute of Health in Bethesda, Md., while earning the degree.

This and the restless urge to know created still a new desire for achievement. So to Maryland U, and a two-year study, completing residence requirements.

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MR. WILSON, typical of young men on the move, still has long days.

Up at 6 a.m. the scientist is on duty at Martin Marietta around 8.

His day does not end when he departs at 4:30.

The man in motion heads for Morgan where he teaches two classes — scientific methodology and psychology.

Usually it's 10 p.m. when he comes home to his registered n u r s e wife and son for relaxation.

The scientist - engineer said his mother, Mrs. Hazel Wilson and brother, Oscar, still live in Florida.

The quiet, retiring, and almost shy psychologist said he has no hobbies as such.

"About the closest I come to a hobby is training animals," he admitted.

But this is more like a busman's holiday.

As already stated, animals and a love for same is what started him on the move — UP!

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Drummer And Scholar

By GEORGE COLLINS

MAN AND HIS DRUM — Olatunji displays one of his beautiful and ancient instruments which played a vital part in Africa's communication system before the telephone came.

"There will be no peace on earth unless and until there is peace among equals . . ."

"Although the wave of freedom and independence is sweeping our continent, unless African leaders come together, we will again be slaves to the major powers . . ."

"We will live in poverty in the midst of plenty, starving to death while tons of food rot . . ."

"And to our eternal shame, we'll never be able to explain this to our children and our children's children."

Giving voice to these observations this week was a proud African.

His speaker's platform was not in the United Nations or the lecture hall of a college or university.

It was back stage of the Royal Theatre on Pennsylvania Ave.

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IN THE HUSTLE and bustle of the frantic and close back stage air, the AFRO found an artist as unusual as his surroundings.

He is Babatunde Olatunji — scholar, lecturer, soon - to - be statesman, and entertainer, in that order.

Between shows, where his "Olatunji African Revue" is the star attraction of the live show now playing the Royal, the 35-year-old Nigerian covered a wide range of topics — from rock and roll to the struggle between the world's great powers.

Although his revue has been acclaimed by critics throughout America, Olatunji quickly points out that he is an entertainer last.

"I love it and enjoy it, but I will never become a slave to entertainment," he promises.

Despite the success of his revue since it was formed in 1952, Olatunji's days in show business are numbered.

"Africa needs trained leadership too badly for me to devote my life to show business."

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THE BRILLIANT artist came to America in 1950 as a student at Morehouse College, Atlanta, Ga.

After graduating in 1954, the native of Lagos, capital of Nigeria, enrolled in the straight doctorate program at New York University, working for his Ph.D. in public administration.

He is collecting material for his doctorate thesis which he hopes to complete this year.

When it's finished he plans to return to his beloved Africa and enter politics or the diplomatic service.

Until then, he is dedicated to putting the big lie to oft repeated opinions that Africa has no culture and has contributed little to the arts and sciences.

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AS HE tells the story:

"It began in the early '50's when I heard a lecture by a white man who had visited Africa.

"His views were so distorted and false that I decided then to do whatever I could while in America to set the record straight on facts about Africa."

While still a student at Morehouse Olatunji formed the review, in 1952 as a way of accomplishing this.

He chose the songs and dances that he had lived with and loved throughout his boyhood and early adult life to project the true image of one phase of his country's cultural life.

Another vehicle was the lecture halls and schools where he carried, and still carries the true message of the Dark Continent.

"They say we have no culture. What about our music, art, agriculture, mining, and diamonds, etc.

"True we haven't benefitted. But this is because of the exploiter's greed. We have contributed nonetheless."

THE REVUE, like its creator, is most unusual.

The gayly costumed singers, dancers, and instrumentalists strike an impressive replica of the festive settings in the heart of Africa.

With the exception of one minor detail, the revue is as African as the fabled witch doctor.

That minor detail is this:

Other than Mr. Olatunji, not one of the 22 persons in the revue is from Africa — at least not directly.

The educator - showman — said they were recruited from the ranks of show business, school campuses and elsewhere, and come from all parts of America.

But the conversion was easy because, as the creator puts it, "they are just a few generations removed from home.

"In fact, we are really brothers and sisters."

If audience reaction is any indication, Mr. Olatunji couldn't be more accurate.

DANCE OF THE FESTIVAL — Olatunji dancers bewitch the audience as they perform a festive African dance on the Royal stage.

Do It With Love

By FRANK HUNT

"Do it with love."

This is the advice of a couple who adopted two children on how to make an adoption work.

The subject came up in a meeting of the Adoptive Home Recuiting Committee of the Baltimore County Welfare Board at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Charles Johnson, at 608 Hillview Rd., Sunday.

Twelve couples, six of whom had already adopted children, and friends interested in doing so, met with the committee for a "talkfest" on the subject.

They were shown the film "Your Very Own," which described an agency's adoption program. They learned fr the discussion which followed that there are more than 200 colored children in Maryland, up to 14 years old, in need of adoptive homes.

But most important, they learned that the process of adoption is a lot simpler than the public has been led to believe, and that one does not necessarily have to be a pillar of the community in order to qualify as a parent.

"This is the big problem — the misconception that a great deal of complicated red tape surrounds the adoption procedure," said Mrs. Thelma Pulley, chairman of the recruiting committee.

"Usually the only fee necessary is that which the adoptive parents pay to their lawyer. And the welfare agency takes care of the rest," she said.

"A couple does not have to be wealthy, or have to own their own home; instead, they need to be in good health and have a happy family life with enough income to support a child," she said.

WHILE IT is important that the age of the parents be in keeping with that of the child, a person over 40 years of age can also qualify as a parent, she said.

"She said "patience and understanding and a real desire for a child" were the primary guides used in judging the prospect foster parent.

Outlining the procedure one must go through to adopt a child, she suggested that the first step would be to contact the local Welfare Board.

An interview would be set up, the Board would investigate your background, and in a matter of several months the child closest to the choice you have indicated would be delivered, complete with everything except the stork.

"We have so many children and so few prospective colored parents, that fitting the child to the family is easy," Mrs. Pulley said.

"All our placements have been very successful so far," she said.

The committee has been in existence since September 1960 to find homes for colored children.

The children are presently in temporary foster homes, and the Welfare Board pays for their care.

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ONE SHINING example of the success of the storkless method of childbearing is a Northeast couple, who over the past ten years, have adopted two children, a boy and a girl, three years old and seven months respectively.

The boy is now 14, and the girl is five — smiling, bright youngsters unaffected by the knowledge that their parents are other than their real father and mother.

"We love both of them, and they love us. They have made this home happy," said the father, who drives a bus for the Baltimore County Public Schools.

He explained that he and his wife had taken the children in on a temporary basis, but had become so attached to them that they decided on adoption.

"It is something of a shock when you think about bringing a strange child into you home as your own. But the shock is replaced by joy when they start growing and look up to you as their own. You feel responsible and obligated not to let them down," he said.

His recommendation to parents who are considering adopting a child is

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A HAPPY FAMILY — Typical of the families that have found happiness through adoption is the one of David Howell. Mr. and Mrs. Howell are shown with their daughter, Brenda Lee. They live at 2810 Bookert Drive.