Step Sitters size up the comic strips they go for

By ROGER J. NISSLY

"I only read them when I have the time."

"Some are and some are not educational."

"Library books are better"

"I like the adventure ones better than the funny ones."

These varied comments were received by the AFRO's intrepid inquiring reporters when they set out on a hot, muggy Wednesday afternoon armed with the question, "Are comic strips educational?"—to interview the step sitters.

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FIRST THE AFRO sought the views of the experts, the boys and girls who are avid readers of the comics.

Their ideas were illuminating as they explained their exact methods for reading the comics—Some search out the favorite ones first; others start at the top of the column and read down.

They all have their favorites, of course, and mention with scorn the ones they would never read, even if they were the only ones printed.

"Some of them are educational. For example, 'Pony Tail' teaches me not to act like she acts. Or, if you don't want to see a boy, you can throw an ice cream cone on his head likes she does."

Patricia Howard, 14, 436 Payson St., was speaking for her five companions as they sat on the steps of her home and talked to the AFRO and listened to a transistor radio.

The obvious favorite of the group was 'The Flintstones.' Mary Georgina Johnson, 13, 1813 Lauretta Ave., made out a good case for the educational value of 'The Flintstones' and all funny comics "although I only read them when I have the time."

"The funny ones show the way people really are," she said.

Her twin sister, Mary Francis, agreed with her and said that her favorite Flintstone characters were the girl Pebbles and the strong boy Bam Bam.

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DEBORAH EWELL, 12, who hails from New York and is visiting Baltimore with her brother and sister, exclaimed that "Little Iodine' teaches you. She teaches you to be bad."

She thought, however, that 'you could be good if you just always do the opposite of what she does."

Her sister, Elizabeth, 13, a ninth grade student, also expressed a preference for the funny comics, while younger brother Clifton, age nine, said "I like all of them, the adventure ones and the funny ones."

Asked if there was ever a fight in the house about who got the funnies first, the two sisters and brother let out a chorus of "Yes, every night."

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ELIZABETH, the oldest, added, "But I always get them first."

Clifton, the youngest, explained sadly, "I usually get them last."

Each of the comic fans then outlined their exact rituals for reading the funnies. Patricia, who wants to be a doctor, "always" goes to "Dr. Kildare' first, then 'The Phantom,' then the others."

For Mary Georgina, it is "The Flintstones' first."

Mary Francis looks at 'Dr. Kildare' first.

Deborah accepts them "any way they are in the column. I go straight through and read them all."

Elizabeth reads "the first one I get to."

And Clifton is very exact: "I read 'The Flintstones, then I read 'Dondi,' then the rest."

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ASKED WHICH comic she would never read, even if it were the only one, Mary Georgina hesitated, and Patricia, who wants to be a doctor said, "If you say 'Dr. Kildare', I'll hit you."

But Mary Georginna did not say 'Dr. Kildare,' which is one of her favorites, too. She turned up her nose at 'Mark Trail.'" Most of the group agreed that "'Mark Trail' is not educational or anything."

All felt that comic strips were educational.

Patricia added, as a footnote to the conversation, that although she likes 'Dr. Kildare,' 'Dick Tracy' and 'Bringing up Father' ("his wife tickles me, but she sets a bad example"), "I think library books are more interesting than the comics."

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TURNING for a more experienced view of the comics though not any less avid, the AFRO moved to the 1800 block of Edmondson and talked with a trio which was holding forth on a variety of subjects.

Paul Mitchell, 1821 Edmondson, believed that "some, not all, of the comics are educational." He gave the example of "Flash Gordon," in which the same things are happening now that were in there years ago."

He listed his other favorites as 'The Phantom,' 'Dagwood,' 'Judge Parker,' 'Barney Google' and 'Maggie and Jiggs.' "In these," he said, "you see the same things as in life."

"I read my funny papers now," declared the Rev. A. L. Bailey, 1906 Edmondson. "Some of the comics are as important as college training."

He explained a 'Mutt and Jeff' cartoon that appeared during the First World War as the answer to bigger and bigger guns:

"In the last panel Mutt said, 'You don't have to shoot the way the enemy is going. All you have to do is give the gun the enemy's address.'"

"There's a lot of philosophy in that," the Rev. Mr. Bailey explained. "Since the word 'education' really means to draw out, rather than to put something in the head, I think the comics do a better job of educating than some schools."

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McKINLEY JONES, 1627 Edmondson, said, "I believe the comics are good, but I don't read them very often. My wife follows them and keeps me up to date on them."

Mr. Jones stated that he thinks "the political news is more important, and I enjoy reading that." He said that he does like the political cartoons.

Mr. Jones' comment points to a valuable conclusion: That when speaking of the comics, like talking politics or religion, most people are just as enthusiastic in their support or condemnation of the characters.

THE YOUNGER SET of step sitters aired their views to the AFRO on the educational value of comic strips. Well versed in their subject and avid comic readers are: (front row, from left) Mary Georgina Johnson, 13; Patricia Howard, 14; Clifton Ewell, 9; (second row) Mary Francis Johnson, 13; Deborah Ewell, 12; and Elizabeth Ewell, 13.

EXPERIENCED PERSPECTIVE on the question, "Are comic strips educational?" was gained from neighbors (from left) Paul Mitchell, McKinley Jones and the Rev. A. L. Bailey.

95 registered this week

If you have not yet registered to become eligible to vote, you may now do so.

Who should register?

Those persons over 21 years of age who have lived in Baltimore for one year or more—and are not yet registered to vote.

Where to register — Supervisors of Elections, ground floor of People's Court Building, Gay and Fayette Sts.

Hours you can register—Monday through Friday 9 a.m. to 4 p.m.; Thursday 9 a.m. to 7 p.m.

Total registered for Nov., 1960 election 106,306.

Total registered for May, 1962 primary 115,761.

Total registered for Nov., 1964 election 132,687.

Registered this week period, 95.

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Thursday	17	3	0
Friday	7	3	0
Monday (Holiday)	29	3	0
Tuesday	12	3	0
Wednesday	15	3	0

CPHA wants Sol Baylor in Zoning Appeals slot

Solomon Baylor, assistant city solicitor since 1963, has been recommended to fill a vacancy on the five-member Board of Municipal and Zoning Appeals by the Citizens Planning and Housing Association.

In a letter to Mayor McKeldin, the group members urged that Mr. Baylor be considered to fill the post formerly held by Frank W. Lucia.

Mr. Baylor, who is 43, resides at 909 McKean Ave., is CPHA vice-president, a 1951 University of Maryland Law graduate and an Enon Baptist Church member. He teaches 20 years and presently is superintendent and a former board of deacons member.

He is legal advisor to the Municipal Employees Assoc., reserve attorney for Selective Service, chairman of the Zoning Committee of Harlem Park Neighborhood Council, chairman of the Northwest Inter - Agency Committee, CORE board of governors member and former chairman of the group; former board member of Gayfette Square Community Center.

Band concert

The theme of the band concert to be presented Sunday, July 18 is intended to promote good neighbor relations and give an opportunity for everyone to become acquainted.

The program will be held at the South Baltimore Playground, Sharp and Hamburg Sts., from 7-9 p.m. by the Municipal Concert Band, Weldon J. Irvine conducting.

In promoting the good neighbor policy the free program has been especially arranged to include numbers that will be of interest to the teenagers, the young marrieds, mothers and fathers, and the golden agers.

All neighbors can join with the band and sing the old favorites with the popular Sing Along motif.

Ballistic test to show if cop shot teenager

State Police should know for sure today (Friday) if the bullet that killed a 19-year-old Chesapeake Beach youth was fired as a warning shot from the revolver of a Prince Georges County police corporal.

The body of Clifton L. Jones, was discovered by his uncle, Norman Jones in a densely overgrown area near the scene where a stolen car had been abandoned after a police chase.

According to Cpl. Richard Pearson, after the car crashed through a barbed-wire fence, the driver jumped out and fled.

Cpl. Pearson said he fired three warning shots into the air as the subject disappeared in the thickly brushed area.

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MR. JONES reported his nephew missing on July 1. When he learned of the car crash and the driver escaping Cpl. Pearson, he went to the area and began a search.

According to Dr. Charles S. Pretty, assistant medical examiner, young Jones had been dead for at least a week. A .38 caliber bullet was found in the boy's body, he said.

The bullet was returned to State Police on Thursday for a ballistic test.

Cpl. Pearson stated he first observed the car speeding east on Route 4 with another automobile. He said he chased the car to Purnell Rd., in Arundel County where it smashed into the fence.

JAC fishing rodeo set for Saturday

The Baltimore Junior Association of Commerce, Inc., will hold its annual Jaycee Fishing Rodeo Saturday at the Patterson Park Boat Lake, from 8 a.m., to noon.

Prizes will be awarded to the boy or girl catching the largest fish.

The contest is open to all children 13 years of age or under. No entry fee is required.

Free transportation will also be available after 9 a.m., on Baltimore Transit Company buses to contestants carrying their fishing tackle.

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Several readers share the week's $50 newstip pot

AFRO readers who were FIRST to call our City Desk and report on a variety of happenings, share the week's $50 newstip jackpot.

Their tips covered drownings, freak accidents and fatalities. Checks are in the mail.

You, too, can win cash for your news tip. Simply call MU 5 - 6015, ask for City Desk, and say, 'I've got a news tip. Names of tipsters are held in strict confidence.

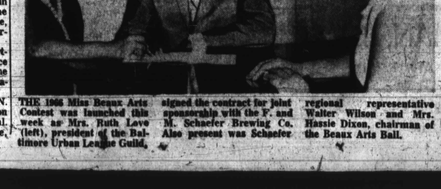
Rites set for slain gas station owner

Bennie Sumpter Jr., 41, who was shot to death last Saturday at a filling station in the 2000 block Franklin St., will be buried from the Wainwright Funeral Home, 2000 Edmondson Ave., Saturday.

Mr. Sumpter was partowner of the Crown Service Station. Charged with the homicide is William H. Frazier, 54, a mechanic.

Mr. Sumpter, of 1100 N. Ashburton St., was dead on arrival at Luthern Hospital.

He is survived by his wife, Mrs. Viola Sumpter.



THE 1965 Miss Beaux Arts Contest is launched (this week as Mrs. Ruth Love (left), president of the Baltimore Urban League Guild, signed the contract for joint sponsorship with the Y. and M. Schaefer Brewing Co. Also present was Schaefer regional representative Walter Wilson and Mrs. Hassie Dixon, chairman of the Beaux Arts Ball.

Child, 2, drowns in tub of water

"Tina's sleeping," cried the four-year-old child from the second-floor bathroom to her mother on the first floor.

"Faye is Tina really sleeping?" the mother called back to a 7-year-old neighborhood girl who had been watching the two smaller children as they bathed.

"Yes ma'am. She's sleeping and I can't wake her up," replied Faye Parson, of 2500 Emerson Ave.

Southwestern police reported this exchange sent Mrs. Mary Bennett, 25, of 2537 Boyd St., rushing up a flight of stairs to the bathroom at the rear of her house.

There she found her two-year-old daughter, Christine, lying face down in the bathtub.

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POLICE said the mother told them that the child's face was near the drain and her feet rested near where Mrs. Bennett's four-year-old daughter, Robin, sat in the tub. It contained about two inches of water.

Mrs. Bennett stated she tried to revive Tina but to no avail.

The mother ran into the street and screamed for help.

Mrs. Mannie Blackledie, of 2539 Boyd St., and Roland DeMinds, of 2531 Boyd St., administered artificial respiration.

When this also failed to revive the child, she was taken to Bon Secour Hospital where staff physicians labored for half an hour in an effort to save Tina's life, but it was of no use. She died at 3:45 p.m. Wednesday.

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MRS. Bennett told police that she had put both Tina and Robin into the bath tub and bathed them.

When she finished, Mrs. Bennett said she left the children there to play for a few minutes. Faye was there with them.

Faye, when questioned by police, said that the two girls were playing in the tub when Tina bent forward, put her head in the water and started blowing bubbles.

The older child stated Tina suddenly fell forward and did not come up again.

Dr. Charles S. Petty, assistant medical examiner, performed an autopsy on the child Thursday and reported death was due to drowning.

Charge schools fail to prepare

The State Interracial Commission's Education Committee, headed by Mrs. Carolyn Ramsay, has asked the State Department of Education to investigate qualifications of Maryland teachers and review the high school curriculum.

At the Commission's meeting Wednesday it was disclosed that in some high schools, white teachers have been hired with less qualifications than colored teachers who have not received employment.

The discovery came to light when the Education Committee found high school graduates were being "short changed" in that their learning did not include necessities to qualify for jobs.

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MRS. RAMSAY said graduates had been misled in thinking the diploma assured them of sufficient preparation.

"They get out in the job market only to find themselves unprepared," she stated.

The Commission's findings also revealed necessity to review curriculum content. The evaluation and correction are asked specifically so that members of minority groups may be assured of preparation, in high school, for the world of work.

CORE charges city's ERC practices discrimination

John Burleigh, employment chairman of the Baltimore Congress of Racial Equality, charged this week that the city's Employees Retirement System is subsidizing racial discrimination with the funds of city employees.

He referred to the ERS board's decision to award a multi - million - dollar investment contract to the Equitable Trust Co., while CORE is in the midst of investigating hiring practices of the city's commercial banks.

Mr. Burleigh also charged that ERS itself is guilty of discriminatory hiring practices.

"I appeared before the Pension Board on Thursday," Mr. Burleigh stated, "to request that they postpone award of the contract until settlement was reached in the dispute between CORE and the commercial banks of Baltimore.

"I informed the board that Cardinal Shehan had already offered his good offices to achieve a settlement, but the Pension Board has rejected this opportunity.

ERC's PENSION BOARD has placed the contract before the Board of Estimates for final approval. Action is expected the coming Wednesday.

Mr. Burleigh charged further:

"If this contract is actually signed, the Pension Board will have violated the ordinance prohibiting city contracts with firms guilty of racial discrimination.

"Furthermore, I seriously question the propriety of banker - members of the Pension Board voting on a contract for their own banks.

"While the bankers are allowed to award themselves lucrative contracts, not a single colored person sits on the Pension Board, despite the fact that 35 percent of the city classified employees are colored.

"Not a single colored person is employed on the office staff of the Employees Retirement System."

Douglas Kirk, public relations director for Equitable Trust Co., said Thursday the Pension Board had certified his bank to the Board of Estimates for Approval, as Mr. Burleigh charged.

He denied, however, that the company practiced racial discrimination in its hiring, and referred to a June 12 edition of the AFRO in which an article revealed where colored persons work for the bank.

Cambridge hospital erases racial bars 'immediately'

On Thursday, the Cambridge, Md. Hospital, Inc., at Cambridge on the Eastern Shore released its anti-discrimination statement, determined by Stephen B. Fuller, administrator, and the board of directors.

The four-point plan includes:

(1) Immediate assignment of Dr. J. Edwin Fassett, Cambridge physician, to the emergency-on-call schedule;

(2) That all dining facilities and

(3) All rest room facilities be immediately integrated;

(4) That all patients be immediately assigned to areas in accordance with willingness and ability to pay, regardless of race.

ACCORDING To Parren Mitchell, head of the State Interracial Commission, the hospital, prior to this week, has designated patient, dining and rest facilities with signs "white" and "colored."

Action by the Commission last month indicated all federal and any other public funds would be withdrawn if discrimination practices persisted.

State's colleges receive anti-poverty plan grants

Morgan and Coppin are among 15 Maryland colleges which have been granted a total of $325,010 in Federal funds for work study programs in the fall semester under the government's anti-poverty program provisions.

The funds are to enable the schools to provide part-time work for students from low income families, thus permitting those with demonstrated academic ability to continue their college education.

Morgan was granted $105,863, and Coppin State College receives $12,910 for this project.

Other recipient colleges and their grants are:

Bowie State — $11,222; Maryland State in Princess Anne—$22,498; Catonsville Community College — $3,821; College of Notre Dame—$2,899; Villa Julie Jr. College in Stevenson—$759,008;

Allegany Community College in Cumberland—$5,641; Frostburg—$17,496; Harford Jr. College in Bel Air—$2,870; Montgomery Jr. College in Takoma Park—$2,068; Mt. St. Agnes—$6,735; St. Joseph College in Emmitsburg — $1,240, and Towson State—$16,167.

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3 WIDOWS TALK ABOUT VICTIMS OF PRE-DAWN SHOOTING AND FIGHTING

Humphrey hits poverty unit

"My aims with respect to this program were made known to the chairman of this commission. I didn't seek the position, didn't ask for it and only took it because I felt I could do a good job for the city of Baltimore.

"I left because I had no alternative. No one gives up a $22,500 job without a very good reason. I was in disagreement with Mr. Macht and the conduct of the program."

Dr. Melvin Humphrey, outgoing director of Baltimore's Community Action Agency, was speaking Thursday afternoon at a press conference he had called, expressing his views on the agency's anti-poverty program and why he had resigned.

He said Baltimore's anti-poverty program was a good one, if implemented as drawn. But as presently administered, it falls far short of reaching the poor people it is designed to reach.

Dr. Humphrey revealed that, as CAA director, he had been prohibited from channeling the program in the direction it should go.

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WHILE HE was highly critical of the CAA program during the 42-minute press conference, he steadfastly refused to enter further in discussion of the agency's top personnel or that of its commission, other than the reference to his disagreement with Morton Macht, CAA commission chairman.

Mr. Macht, however, at conclusion of the con-

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IN HAPPIER DAYS — William R. Cooper and his now widowed wife, Brenda Sue, on their wedding day six years ago.

DEATH SEAT — AFRO photo shows blood-muddied rear seat of neat convertible belonging to William R. Cooper that proved to be his death-bed after being shot 3 times through the head. . . .

Officer, 2 men die in outbreak

By STERLING A. PAIGE

The guns were on the table in front of me at Western District Station, two of them. The clip of the black 9mm Beretta Automatic (38 cal.) was empty. The white-handled 22 cal. Roma pistol, too, was empty.

And because of these guns three men are dead, a police officer and two civilians.

Dead as result of the predawn Thursday shooting and fighting are:

Patrolman Robert Henry Kuhn, 23, 3300 block Glenarm Ave.

William Randolph Cooper, 29, 2300 block Norfolk Ave.

David Cooper, 45, 2900 block Westwood Ave., uncle of William and an mentally deranged veteran who reportedly shot and killed the policeman and his nephew.

He fought with his nephew and police and his injuries included a leg shot wound.

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THE UNCLE died in the hospital after a dramatic confession to police and his nephew's widow.

As pieced together by witnesses and police, Officer Kuhn, of the Western District, had just checked a car that was parked—parked in front of 3125 W. North Ave.

Later, in his look-out book was found the notation: July 23, Sgt. Hornberger; 56-57. A line had been drawn and below this was the name William Randolph Cooper, c/m 29, 2229 Norfolk St. — FG 83 14.

Across the street in the engine company, fire-fighter Carlos Downs heard the sound of a shot and rushed out the door.

According to Downs, he saw a man standing in the street beside a car with a gun pointed downward and firing repeatedly.

The man ran to the passenger side of a '63 Comet convertible driven by a second person. The car sped off.

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IN THE STREET was the prone figure of Officer Kuhn, the victim of eight bullet wounds. The fire-fighter called police and the ambulance crew stationed in the firehouse, then ran to the side of the fallen, moaning policeman.

His shirt was bloody, his nightstick lay about 3 feet away and his gun was still in the holster with the strap fastened.

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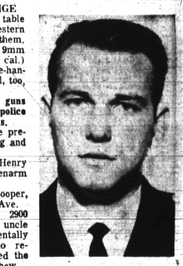

Officer ROBERT H. KUHN

rived — picked him up.

"He stopped moaning then," said Downs. "I think that's when he died."

Less than fifteen minutes after speeding east on North Ave. from the scene, police received a call from the 1600 block of St. Stephens St., telling of a man abandoning a car in the middle of the street and walking away toward Presbury St.

Responding radio police found the white-top convertible described in the early broadcast as the get-away car in the police killing.

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LYING ON the back seat bleeding from a head wound in the right temple was William Randolph Cooper. Taken to Lutheran Hospital, he was pronounced dead at 1:50 a.m.

Police reasoned from three bullet wounds in the head inflicted by a 22 cal. pistol.

In another radio car, Northwestern District officers John Hess and James Griffin spotted a man two blocks away, and took off to investigate.

The man identified himself as David Cooper, 45, of the 2900 block Westwood Ave. According to police, Cooper had a bloody smudge on his shirt front.

The suspect is alleged to have raised his arms saying, "I got a gun, too." As the 22 cal. pistol went into possession of the police, the officers said Cooper made a grab for the pistol shouting, "I shot that police and I'll kill all

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Penn's widow dies

By FRANK LEE

WASHINGTON

The three children of Lemuel Penn, District School Administrator who was killed by a sniper's bullet in Georgia, are now orphaned by their mother's death.

The funeral for Mrs. Georgia Penn, 52, is set for today (Friday) at 11 a.m. at Shiloh Baptist Church, 1500 9th St., NW, with the Rev. Earl L. Harrison officiating.

Mrs. Penn will be buried in Arlington National cemetery beside her husband's grave.

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DISTRICT COMMISSIONER John B. Duncan has urged the American Conscience Fund, of which he is president, to raise funds for educational and subsistence grant to the Penn children.

Mrs. Penn died in George Washington Hospital Tuesday night of a rare blood disease doctors called lupus erythematosus. Her doctor followed that of her husband's by a year and a week.

Lt. Col. Penn was gunned down while returning to Washington from Army reserve summer training at Fort Benning Ga. as he drove near Albany, Ga. with two other officers from Washington.

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FOUR MONTHS ago, Duncan presented a $1,000 check to the Penn family from the Conscience Fund. Following Mrs. Penn's death, he urged that the grant be increased to $3,000.

"Prior to entering the hospital Friday where she died in and out of consciousness for several days, Mrs. Penn could not attend a memorial for her husband at Arlington National Cemetery July 11 because of illness.

When questioned concerning the future of the children Mrs. Penn's sister, Mrs. Alice Patterson of 516 T St., NW replied, "We have plans for them, but we haven't decided anything, yet.

"We may change the plans so I won't give them out until all the family comes in."

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Naked Hate In Bogalusa

By FRANK HUNT

AFRO Staff Correspondent

BOGALUSA, La. — They told me that the safest place in town was probably somewhere in the column of 325 white and colored rights workers marching through town behind a Negro funeral hearse, by surrounded by blue-helmeted club - wielding state troopers.

Behind the hearse, behind a third of a mile-long line of rights workers walking from the sidewalk and curb, the women, holding machine guns, riot guns and pistols at the ready, and casting dirty looks of righteous indignation at us, I had some serious doubts.

The Louisiana sun was hot. I was not sure whether the perspiration which fogged my sunglasses and tickled my armpits came from the weather or from the charged climate of racial tension.

It's always difficult for a colored reporter to cover racial situations in the Deep South. But Bogalusa the problem is compounded by the presence of one of the strongest organized groups of terrorists in the South. In the town of 27,000 Klan membership is estimated at over 3,000.

It was easy to tell the Klansmen from the merely curious. The latter were loud in their heckling, pinpointing the whites in the crowd for special invectives.

The former stood silently, hands on hips, their sun-reddened faces glistening with sweat, chewing Bull Durham. Only their eyes spoke, squinting against the sun, elequent with emotion.

I HAVE SEEN marches and picket lines in almost every state in the South. I have sensed the naked hate, the calculating obstinacy of those dedicated to the preservation of what they consider their prerogatives.

They, not the state troopers or Mayor Jesse Cluver or Gov. John McKeithen were in control of the town. And they knew it.

Probably the emotion was composed by the equally rockhard wall of determination upon which it founded. The demonstrators, with linked arms, sung freedom songs with an abondon suggestive of a carnival parade. Seemingly completely unaware of

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Dixon backs Pollack, scores Sen. Welcome

By MAX JOHNSON

Councilman Walter T. Dixon has leveled a sharp attack on Sen. Verda F. Welcome, in the wake of her publicly expressed criticism that another colored citizen was not named to the House of Delegates seat of the late Mrs. Irma G. Dixon.

In a letter published in a daily paper, he labeled her suggestion "practicing segregation in reverse."

Councilman Dixon, who heads a Eutaw Pl. business school, is a veteran member of the Democratic faction of James H. (Jack) Pollack, which has appointed Maxie Allen.

The Fourth District Democratic State Central Committee, whose job it was to make the appoint-

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WALTER DIXON SEN. WELCOME

CAA's business project delayed

The Board of Estimates on Wednesday withheld approval of the Community Action Agency's small business development center project and referred the matter to the City Solicitor's office for clearance.

Morton Macht, CAA Commission chairman, has demonstrated a coldness toward this proposed program in recent weeks, and this has brought sharp disagreement among some of the Commission members.

This is the project which would aid small business men in the initial CAA working area in East Baltimore toward more effective development, with more community usage.

Its estimated cost is set at $129,800, of which $118,800 would be borne by the federal government and $2,988 by the city.

Final approval is needed by the Board of Estimates and the state's Office of Economic Opportunity.

Mayor announces 2 appointments

An interim appointment to the Jail Board and announcement of the retention of the chairman of the city's Planning Commission were made Thursday by Mayor Theodore R. McKeldin.

Named to the Jail Board and designated as its president is George W. McManus Jr., 66, an attorney and treasurer of the Baltimore City Bar Association.

He replaces David L. Glenn, who was first of his race to serve as chairman. Mr. Glenn also appointed by the mayor, is now a member of his City Hall staff.

Mayor McKeldin also said he would rename David W. Barton Jr. to a six - year term as head of the Planning Commission.

Mr. Barton, president of the Barton - Gillet Co., was first nominated by the mayor to the commission on April 24 last year, and named chairman three months later on July 29.

GOP offers 21 names for zoning bd. post

The Ninth Ward Republican Committee has recommended 21 well-known persons to Mayor McKeldin as candidates to fill the Zoning Board vacancy.

No colored person has ever served on his important board. The post pays $8,000 plus.

Recommended were:

Archie M. Jones, insurance executive; Dr. William L. Alexander, dentist; Purnell B. Odan, funeral director; Rufus E. Hackett, insurance executive.

The Rev. Carol L. Washington, minister and school teacher; Charles L. Brown Jr., insurance agent;

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Cooper report hailed, may halt earnings tax

Mayor McKeldin had only praise for the Cooper Commission's recommendations for revising the state's tax structures Thursday, but advised that he will continue to push for a local earnings tax.

In a hearing on the effects of the new tax set-up on Baltimore, the mayor said he recommended the prompt adoption of the earnings tax and "publicly pledged to urge its immediate repeal in the event that the General Assembly acts favorably" on the Cooper Commission's report to afford the city "the financial relief it so desperately needs."

DR. PAUL D. COOPER then outlined the major

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Bogalusans ask full integration

BOGALUSA, La. (UPI) — A Federal court was asked Tuesday to order complete desegregation of public schools in this racially tense town.

Sonji seeks 'permanent' alimony from Cassius

MIAMI (UPI) — The wife of World Heavyweight Champion Cassius Clay, Sonji Clay, changed her mind and filed suit in court Wednesday seeking "permanent alimony" from her estranged husband.

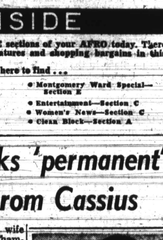
Sonji said earlier in the countersuit to Clay's annulment request last month that the proceedings should be dismissed.

Now she asked for what amounted to a permanent separation, saying the champion claiming that his suit "fails to state facts sufficient to constitute cause for action" against her.

SHE DID NOT state any sum in her request for alimony. She is currently receiving $350 a week temporary support.

Sonji blamed the whole situation on an unnamed "leader of the Moslem nation."

Clay, who is a member of the Moslem faith and goes under the name Muhammed Ali, complained in his suit that his ex-model wife did not act in accordance with tenets of the Moslem faith.



PARREN J. MITCHELL Executive secretary, Maryland Commission on Interracial Problems and Relations, is rumored to be named soon as director of the city's Community Action Agency, replacing Dr. Melvin Humphrey, who resigned.

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Harlem site set for Powell outdoor meet

Congress will make history Saturday in New York when "open air" Congressional hearings are held on Harlem's 134th Street between Seventh and Eighth Avenues.

Chairing the hearings, scheduled to begin at 11:00 a.m., will be Rep. Adam Clayton Powell, chairman of the House Education and Labor Committee.

Chairman Powell said the Harlem hearings will be the first of many such hearings to be held across the country in other major cities such as Los Angeles.

"The concerns of my Committee are many," said Powell — "the War on Poverty, schools, minimum wages, racial discrimination, in employment, aid to education and others.

FLASH Jim Brown not guilty

CLEVELAND, OHIO, July 23 (UPI)—A Municipal court jury today acquitted football star Jim Brown on assault and battery charges filed by an 18-year-old girl after deliberating about an hour and 15 minutes.

CLEVELAND, Ohio (UPI) — A woman judge and the defense attorney for professional football star Jim Brown clashed sharply Thursday in the fullback's assault and battery trial.

Municipal Judge Blanche Krupansky, who said the jury would receive the case this morning, (Friday) warned and then threatened to cite Attorney Norman S. Minor for contempt of court.

Minor addressed the jury about telephone conversations between Miss Ayres and her girlfriend, Paula White, 20. He said there was an "implied shakedown" in what Brenda told Paula about her meetings with Brown.

"MR. MINOR, I do not want to embarrass you. I do not want you to use that word again," the judge snapped. "I warned you about it before and if you persist I will be forced to hold you in contempt."

The final arguments began with both sides admonishing

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Cooper widow talks, funeral rites slated

By BRENDA L. THOMPSON

"The last time I saw him was 12:45 last night," Mrs. Gertrude E. Cooper, widow of slain David told the AFRO from her bed.

"He came in as he usually does and then he left. He knew I was sick, so he would come in and check for food."

She said when he left, she thought that he was probably going to get some food at the Chinese place where he usually goes.

Mrs. Cooper said her husband then got in the car with his nephew, William Cooper Jr., who did not come into the house but stayed on the porch.

"Then 15 minutes later I heard the police. But I had no idea that they her (her husband and William) were there," she said.

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Mrs. Cooper said her husband, still doubt that Mr. Cooper killed his nephew.

"I don't believe he killed his nephew . . . they were too close. My father helped raise 'Sonny' (William Cooper Jr) for 13 or 15 years," David said.

When her husband was in the army some 20 years ago, Mrs. Cooper said he did have a mental break-down. "But that was so long ago."

None of the family knew anything about Mr. Cooper's reported use of narcotics.

David stated, "I know my father never carried a gun.

. . . He was quiet, always tried to reason with people, go looking for trouble . . . He always told me never to you see it—walk away from it."

Mrs. Cooper who has been

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