SAVE MOUNT MORIAH has many supporters including members of Asbury United Methodist Church, Severna Park who carried placards at a recent session at the State House in Annapolis. They are from left, Mesdames Betty Morgan, Annapolis; Josephine Pinkard, Alverta Johnson, Miss Delores Oden, Mesdames Esther Glen, Mariam Sedwick, Helen Green, all of Severna Park. Seated in photo by Fletcher Roberts is Mrs. Martha Johnson, also of Severna Park.

# Save Mt. Moriah movement grows

Save Mount Moriah AME Church, the 100-year-old Annapolis historic building, is the battle cry now of some 200 persons who are still waging war against Anne Arundel County.

The church, the county claims, is in the way of the parking garage and the courthouse annex planned for the site at 84 Franklin St.

The Historic District Commission has denied demolish any of the buildthe county permission to tings from No. 66 to No. 90 Franklin St. saying all the buildings are of value to the city's colonial atmosphere in the heart of the city.

The citizens' group is called "Committee For Preservation of Mt. Moriah." Mrs. Yevola Peters and R. Allen Irvine, chairmen, have offices at No. 20 Dean St.

Bumper stickers, "Save Mt. Moriah" and posters silkscreened by Vanderlip Conway, are literally blanketing Annapolis.

Due to receive the Baltimore AFRO-AMERICAN Newspaper's highest award for Save Mount Moriah efforts, a place on the Honor Roll, goes to the Annapolis Mayor and City Council and various organizations including Historic Annapolis and the Historic District Commission.

## Hamilton center banquet tonight

Alexander Hamilton Recreation Center, 800 Poplar Grove St., will have Fashions and You as their theme for the Mother-and Daughter banquet, Thursday, May 16, at 7:30 p.m. Tickets are $1.50 per person.

For further information, call Mrs. Thomasine Forte at 467-4000 ext. 819.

## Cherry Hill old town meeting May 28

An Old Fashioned Town Meeting will be held in the Baltimore Community of Cherry Hill on May 28, at 7 p.m. at the Cherry Hill Community Building, located at 2700 Speimain Rd.

## By the way...

by Joe Black

The Black father.

Is he a hero? Or a heel?

A lot of people would have you believe that the Black father is big on baby-making, but a flop as a parent and breadwinner.

Sure, there are some Black males who fit the mold. (But, show me any culture, any color where there aren't.)

For the most part, however, the majority of Black males are good husbands. Good fathers. Good providers. And men of good conscience.

I'd like to back this up with these excerpts from a letter from a Black father.

"It's not an easy thing for a father to realize that his son has grown up and must soon face the trials and tribulations of the world.

"Quite often I sit back and wonder if we, as parents, do the right thing when we try to shield our children from the ugly realities of everyday living.

"What I am trying to tell you, son, is that life is hard, and there will be times when you think you can't quite make it.

"Sometimes, in an effort not to appear stupid, young people will follow the suggestions of their friends.

"I only hope that during the first eighteen years of your life, we have instilled the true meaning of brotherhood and a sense of right from wrong in you.

"If you ever have a problem, please remember, I am always available, for whatever help you may need."

And that's just one example of a Black father's concern.

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# Dewberry urges involvement from the ground up

By Dennis Schatzman

"It's a truthful fact and there's no beating around the bush: I wouldn't say that we have very many blacks in policy-making positions."

Those words came from Frederick L. Dewberry (after beating the bush just a bit), newly appointed Baltimore County Executive, during an AFRO interview in his office Tuesday afternoon.

Dewberry took office on April 29 shortly after Dale Anderson resigned when found guilty on several counts of fraud and conspiracy.

Seated at his desk, the County Seal, the American and state flags in the background, the county executive told the AFRO that he would like to see more black individuals participate in the political process. In fact, he encouraged it.

"I would certainly urge them and look to them to participate in the community and work together with others in the community," he appealed.

Dewberry believes that community involvement is the focal point of political involvement—the "ground floor." Moving people up "through the ranks is the way things are done in Baltimore County, he said.

### In House Promotions

"I believe that the way you build is to train the people, move them up the line and promote them within house. That is my own idea about good management and building a good stable government organization," said Dewberry, gyrating his hands for emphasis.

Community involvement is how he got his start in county politics.

He had been active in church and community affairs in Catonsville, where he was "known," when the late county executive, Michael "Iron Mike" Birmingham asked him to run for county Council on his ticket.

Dewberry says that his first reaction was to stay away from politics. But his wife and close friends thought that his straightforwardness and honesty was needed in politics.

"You're the kind that we feel we need in politics," they told him.

### Meteoric Rise

His rise was meteoric. He served as a county councilman from 1962 to 1966. He became Council chairman in 1964.

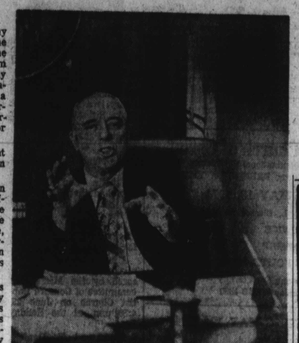
After losing to Anderson in 1966, his initial bid for his present job, he was appointed County Development Coordinator. In 1973, he was appointed the County's Chief Administrative Officer.

Dewberry says that, in recent years, since the black population "is increasing all the time," blacks have been consulted more, prior to the introduction and implementation of important policy.

### Roadway blocked

In 1966, a plan was initiated to build an express road through East Towson. Anderson met with the residents, mostly blacks.

He promised that nothing further would be done on road plans until those who would have to relocate were completely satisfied with replacement housing plans. They are still working on that problem, Dewberry contends, but coming very close to a solution.



COUNTY EXECUTIVE Fredrick Dewberry explaining how politics work in Baltimore County.

He says that he would like to see more adequate housing for blacks, particularly in the old neighborhoods of Catonsville, Turner Station, Winter's Lane and East Towson. But he blames the Federal Government for holding the County back.

### Federal Red Tape

"If the feds would only cut all the doggone red tape and requirements and all this business. If they want to make the money available to the private developers, then they'll get housing," he bluntly said.

He further said that the County is not interested in the "rules and regulations" that go along with public housing. It's not a question of blocking, he said, since there is plenty of land and residential zoning. But it's private developing they want in the County.

The executive has apparently kept a watchful eye on Baltimore City's school desegregation problem and says that it's ridiculous.

"The Federal Government is getting ridiculous with that business," said Dewberry, a slight tint of pink surfacing on his face.

### Desegregation by Evolution

He believes that only desegregation by "natural evolution" is the only solution. "Desegregation will never happen when the Federal Government starts ordering people around with this issue," he opinioned.

Metropolitanization (drawing white students from county schools bordering on the city line to achieve a racial balance in city schools) won't work either, he says.

Dewberry believes that the plan would only create anomosities across jurisdictional lines. "All this does is stir the pot and it really doesn't solve the problem of desegregation."

It's not really busing, he contends. But his and the people's objection is taking the children out of their own neighborhood schools — where their parents, brothers and sisters were educated.

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## Antioch gets $9,800 grant

The Baltimore Center of Antioch College, recognized as one of the major innovates in the field of half-inch format video production, has received $9,800 from the National Endowment for the Arts to coordinate a series of Video Workshops featuring the leading producers and users of half-inch video in the nation.

The workshops will explore hardware technique software application, distribution schemes and the aesthetics of visual communications.

Designed for persons unfamiliar with the video movement and the language it has evolved, the workshop will also be open to interested artists, educators and broadcasters in the Baltimore/Washington areas. The Workshops are scheduled for this summer.

## Goodwill open house May 18

Lively entertainment plus some excellent bargains on antiques and furniture will be highlights of Goodwill's annual open house on Saturday, May 18, at its headquarters, 4001 Southwestern Boulevard.

The open house will be held from 9:30 a.m. to 3 p.m. and will include the singing of the Patapsco Male Choir with the Catonsville Barbershop Quartet and an appearance by the Sweet Adelaines.

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