-Residents say Hampden isn't all bad

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proven beneficial for the kids, as well as for most of the parents involved.

The Lippy's are perfect witnesses to this fact.

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Mrs. Lippy told the AFRO, "When all the desegregation started last year at Robert Poole in Hampden, I was in on it. I was also in on the trouble."

Since that time, however, the Hampden housewife has changed her attitude toward blacks being bused into the school.

The entire family beamed with enthusiasm in trying to explain what has been going on with kids in the neighborhood.

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Leonard, a son, said, "I talked to one black mother who was kind of scared about her son being bused into an all-white school. She told me her son came home one day and told her, 'Mommy, I didn't know white kids were so nice!'

"We've heard that same kind of thing from white parents, too."

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For the past eight years, the Poly Community Service Committee has been involved in weekend and day camping trips for the Hampden, Woodberry, and Remington children.

This year they reached out to include children from the Pimlico area as well.

The results were astounding and presented quite a challenge to all involved.

Miss Linda Lippy told the AFRO, "White and black children who didn't even know each other got to the point where they would sleep in the same bag, drink out of the same cup and everything.

"Not once did we have any racial problems. People can work together and be together without it."

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The biggest and most successful event, however, was the yearly Christmas party at which 30,000 bags of toys were given away.

The committee has also sponsored swimming parties, festivals, and other outings. They also had a junior olympics meet.

Elmer Lippy told the AFRO, "I'll give you a little tip. Mayor Schaefer lost a steak dinner because of that.

"He said that we couldn't mix the kids up like that, 50 black and 50 whites, and get racial cooperation and winning teams.

"He bet a steak dinner and he lost it."

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The committee has received much support in its endeavors from area churches, business men and establishments, the Mayor's Office, and HEW.

Mrs. Lippy said, "We had to prove to them that we could do it first, that we could get children of different colors working together, and then they gave their help."

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The Lippy family was quite disturbed about the Sunday incident and other neighbors are beginning a program to help eliminate problems such as that one.

Mrs. Lippy said, "We're putting signs in some people's windows so that anytime black people are in the neighborhood and they might be in trouble, they can know where to go.

"They can come in and use the phone or stay there until things are safe. Some people will even give them a ride home if necessary."

The Lippy's began this years ago when they noticed the great number of blacks being brought into the Northern District police station and left stranded.

Mrs. Lippy stated, "It's really bad because once you get into Hampden, it's hard to get out.

"Cabs definitely won't pick you up and buses sometimes run too slowly."

Although there are not too many families offering the "Safe Stop" service at present, the Lippy's are confident that the number will grow.

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If it doesn't happen voluntarily, Mrs. Lippy knows how to help it along.

She said, "I have a lot of control in this area. If somebody has a skeleton in their closet, and everybody does, I know about it.

"People around here know better than to mess with me."

At present, the Lippy's and others are working toward the Poly committee's festival to be held on the parking lot of the Poly-Western complex Oct. 4.

Activities will be in an effort to raise money for next year's efforts and to involve more persons, black and white, in the committee.

They are seeking donations of clothing, food, crafts and white elephants to make the event a success.

Persons wishing to become involved may contact Leonard Lippy at 467-8573.

THE SHAPE OF THINGS TO COME? Parents and students across the city hope that children being transferred to new schools for the purpose of desegregation will make out as well as this pair. The photo was taken at one of the many events given by the Poly Community Services Committee. (photo contributed by Leonard Lippy.)

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