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Dropouts helped

Portland handles difficult problem

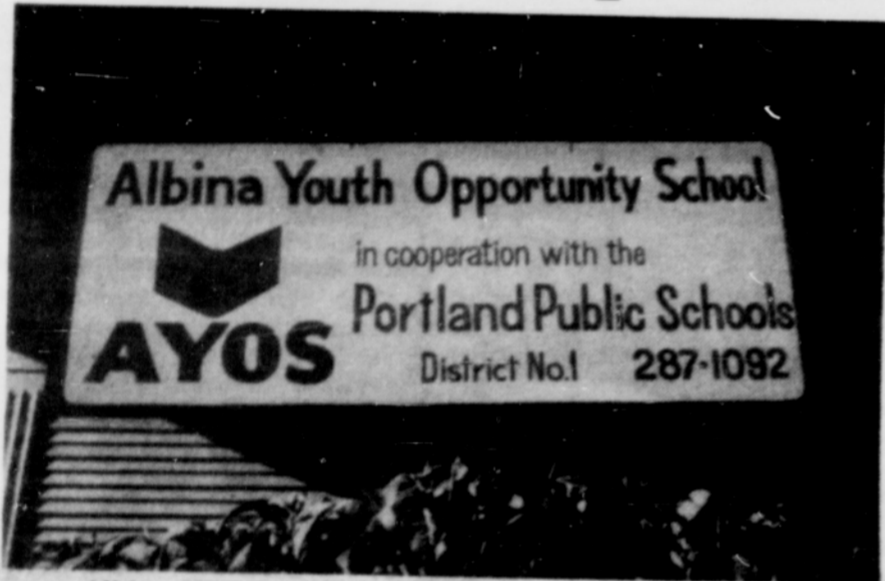
Four years ago, dropouts in Portland were the hopeless cases, doomed to poverty and the welfare rolls.

Through a unique series of joint strategy of the Portland Public School, the Portland Council of Churches, and other public and private funds, the unemployable, educational deprived men and women of the inner city now have chance to enter the mainstream of American life.

The lack of motivation to succeed in school increases greatly as young men and women from impoverished homes enter high school.

"When he gets to be a junior in high school, the poor youngster is often far behind the other in reading and language skills," said one of the Albina Youth Opportunity School officials. "Often, he is much older than the other as well, for he has been put back several times. He loses his hope for the future and drops out."

Youth experts throughout the city echo the same feeling that vocational training and job placement are only solutions to the many social and economic problems of the dropout.



Albina Youth Opportunity School gives dropouts a second chance in life.

Unlike other structured school the Albina Youth Opportunity School is quite different, yet unique and very effective. There is a closeness on a one to one basis, the teacher is a big brother.

Out of 31 students sent back to the public school system only 4 have returned in a year. Some of the Albina Youth Opportunity (students) are enrolled in college and doing a creditable job.

We must remember that these kids were through as far as society was concerned but Albina Youth Opportunity School gave them a second chance for gainful employment an education and a whole outlook upon life.

The school is staff with the following person: Charles Leech, Dick Celsi, Rance Spruill, Leon Johnson and Dan Robinson.

Two Views On Militancy

Two black academicians differed sharply over the state of American black militancy at a recent symposium on international racial tensions and identity. Harvard Professor Martin Kilson, a political scientist, stated that there were recent indications that all-black political organizations were on the decline. The reason, he said, is failure to recognize the necessity of allying with whites. Speaking at Vanderbilt University, he said, "Blacks clearly lack the resources for viable all-black politician and institutional self-determination."

"Many blacks dislike and hate the very guts of whites and vice-versa...but they simultaneously recognize that they need whites and vice-versa...Those nationalist Negro groups who propound (otherwise) indulge in sheer fantasy, albeit psychologically satisfying," Kilson said.

Kilson's remarks evoked pointed disagreement from a Fisk University sociologist, Gerald McWorter, who accused Kilson of misinterpreting reality by taking "sort of quick Ivy League fancy footsteps" through history. "The theoretical underpinnings of Brother Kilson," McWorter said, "is basically almost as if God had pronounced that we be all linked together, so that there's no other possible alternative...The last question I have on all this is, where is Professor Kilson on the question of revolution?"

Simon Estes billed by Portland Opera

Simon Estes, distinguished bass-baritone of the Metropolitan Opera, will return to Portland for the next production of the Portland Opera Association, as Rocco in Beethoven's great masterpiece, "Fidelio," January 21 and 23, 1971.

Estes was catapulted to fame when he won the third place in the first Tchaikovsky Vocal Competition in Moscow. Upon his return to the United States he was honored at a special reception at the White House by President Johnson. Prior to this event, he also won a prize in the coveted Munich International Music Competition. The handsome six-foot one-inch bass-baritone was honored by the City of New York with a citation from Mayor John V. Lindsey, and by George Whitmore, Mayor of the City of Des Moines, Iowa.

A graduate of the University of Iowa, Estes attended the Juilliard School of Music. He has sung at Tanglewood and the Hollywood Bowl, and filled major operatic commitments with the Deutsche Oera in Berlin, as well as the Lubeck Opera and Hamburg Opera. He created two roles in Gunther Schuller's new opera, "The Visitation."

Estes will be part of an international cast for "Fidelio" which includes Klara Barlow,



SIMON ESTES

William Olvis, Joshua Hecht, Harold Enns, and others. There will be another in the special matinee series on Sunday, January 24, with some changes of cast, at popular prices. All performances will be conducted by Stefan Minde, with staging by James Lucas. Tickets are now on sale at the box office of the Civic Auditorium, also Stevens & Son in the Lloyd Center and Meier and Frank.

Tenants and Hud negotiate

The National Tenants Organization has successfully negotiated with the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development for a "model lease and grievance procedure" for all existing and future public housing. The agreement, which still must be cleared by HUD higher-ups before going into effect, will guarantee public housing tenants a hearing, with legal counsel, before an impartial board prior to eviction. Conditions are specified under which evictions can occur. Public housing also is made subject to existing local housing codes and tenants are guaranteed the right to withhold their rents if housing managers

do not make required repairs in 48 hours. Besides NTO and HUD, the National Association of Housing and Renewal Officials was a party to the agreement. NTO's national conference in Winston-Salem, N.C., this week (Nov. 19-22) will have a theme of "A Decent Home: The Struggle in the 70's." Among those expected to address the 1,000 delegates from NTO's 170 affiliated chapters will be NTO chairman Jesse Gray; Julian Bond; Howard Fuller of Malcolm X Liberation University; and two HUD assistant secretaries, Sam Simmons and Norman Watson.

PCC makes plans for north campus

A long-range plan for Portland Community College from the present into 1980 was presented to the Oregon State Board of Education (Friday, Nov. 20).

The plan calls for development of a West Campus, designed for 2,500 full-time students, in Washington County, and a North Campus, for another 2,500 students. PCC's present interim facilities at the Portland International Airport will become a specializing air industries center with space for about 550 in aviation-connected

programs.

Major emphases in the curriculum and program developments within the plan fall on developmental and remedial education for high school dropouts who turn to PCC as the "open door" for educational opportunity; career-vocational programs developing entry-level skills and competencies; adult education programs offering basic education, transition and upgrading within occupations, and enrichment; and college transfer programs.



CRIMINAL JUSTICE WORKSHOP: Four leaders in various fields of criminal justice activities conferred about conclusions of a Criminal Justice Workshop session at Portland Community College. Holding the workshop-session report is Oregon Supreme Court Associate Justice Virgil Langtry. Seated right is Hoyt Cupp, Warden, Oregon State Penitentiary. Standing directly behind Cupp is Phil Mason, National Urban Coalition, and standing behind Langtry is Chief Don McNamara, Portland Police Dept.