

Vancouver Speakers Attack Stereotyping

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Better intercultural relationships through reading was discussed at the regular monthly meeting of the Vancouver NAACP in February.

The first speaker, Miss Helen Holcomb, librarian of McArthur school, reviewed several books, desirable and undesirable, which are used at the various grade levels. Miss Holcomb pointed out some factors which constitute desirable and undesirable reading for children and adults as well. She explained that books which give distorted or stereotyped ideas about groups of people certainly do not help in developing better human understanding.

Cultural Background Important

Until we understand that people are more alike than different and that their behavior is different because of cultural backgrounds, it will be difficult to accept people for their individual worth, continued Miss Holcomb. She expressed particular interest in the children's reactions to their reading of this intercultural material.

Mrs. Leland Harriman, educational consultant in Portland, gave an illustration of the type of encyclopedias which treat, without biased and stereotyped ideas, all phases of subject matter relating to ethnic groups.

Stereotyping Discussed

Edwin C. Berry, executive secretary of the Urban League of Portland, gave an excellent discussion on stereotyping. Berry felt that one reason books such as Little Black Sambo and Noddy remain on book shelves is that people don't like to discard books that have good covers on them, thinking not of the harm that is done by caricatures and stereotyped ideologies, but that the book still has two or three years' wear.

He stated that no matter how innocently an offense is committed, it is still a matter of ignorance. Name calling was specifically pointed out.

The number of "darky" songs being sung today, said Berry, could be very well paraphrased without harming the meter of the rhythm. The singing technique of Frank Sinatra was the example he used in showing how other words could be used to substitute "darky."

Fire Fatal To Youths

An early morning fire claimed the lives of three children Saturday in a two-apartment house at 1203 N. E. 3rd avenue. Two mothers, each of whom thought the other was home, were out.

Victims of the fire were: Leon Douglas, 8; Michael Paul, 3; and Sheila Joyce, 18 months. All were children of Mrs. Odessa Granville, 35.

Three children of Mrs. Ruth Kizer, occupying the first floor, were rescued by J. Hugh Schiltz, 18, 181 S. E. 46th avenue, and Sherrill K. Smith, 16, 4929 S.E. Stark street.

Another son of Mrs. Granville's, Roy Leslie, 9, escaped the fire by leaping from his second-story bedroom window.

No one realized that the victims were trapped on the upper floor until Mrs. Granville arrived. Leon Douglas was a polio victim and wasn't found until after the fire was controlled. He was unable to walk without leg braces.

Both mothers were under the impression that the other was home. Mrs. Granville had left to

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NAACP Director To Speak Here

Franklin H. Williams, regional director of the National Association for the Advancement of Colored People, will address a mass meeting sponsored by the Portland branch of the NAACP Sunday, March 8, at the Williams avenue YWCA at 3:30 p.m.

His address will concern in some manner the issue of civil rights.

Williams has been with the NAACP since 1945, having been appointed to the legal staff immediately after graduation as an honor student from the Fordham university School of Law. In October, 1946, he was chosen by Mademoiselle magazine as the nation's future leader in the field of race relations.

Immediately after admission to practice before the United States supreme court in January, 1949, Williams argued and won the case of Watts vs State of Indiana, and in March of 1951 argued and won the case of Shepherd vs the State of Florida, the Groveland case, obtaining a reversal death sentence in both cases.

OUCH! WHAT NEXT?

Little Brad Winslow came home last week from the hospital recovering from pneumonia only to catch chicken pox from his brother, Artie.

Both children are doing better. Their parents are Mr. and Mrs. Arthur Winslow.

Late Bulletin!

The proposed Civil Rights Bill, which would make discrimination because of color, race, religion or national origin unlawful in any place of public accommodation, resort or amusement in Oregon, left the Judiciary Committee Wednesday with 5-2 do pass.

Construction to Start On New Eliot School

Despite vociferous protests from parents and students who will be affected by the building of the New Eliot school on Flint avenue, Portland public school board unanimously accepted a bid of \$619,000 for construction of the school at their

February 26 meeting in the School Administration building.

Charles B. Maxey, one of the speakers against the proposed site, termed the school-to-be a

juvenile school "rather than one we can be proud of." He maintained that the school board should reconsider their decision to build on the Flint street site. "You will be much prouder of your decision," said Maxey.

Too Many Taverns

Maxey, along with other speakers, objected to the new school because of the beer taverns, business places, bad traffic hazards and risky investment.

The Urban league sent a letter to the board saying that it had altered its position and now felt that a smaller school should be built on the Flint street location. The letter said, however, that further study should be made of the situation.

Mrs. F. D. Gary, 1835 N. Benton, felt that the site should be the main issue and not the number of rooms. She was against the Urban league's recommendations, saying, "They don't know the neighborhood like we parents." "I don't like this at all; let the school administration settle in this neighborhood and see the rats." "We should put human value ahead of property value," said Mrs. Gary.

Not Snap Decision

Board member S. Eugene Allen said the decision was not a snap one and that the board had put in 16 months of consideration on the proposed new school. "A school is needed to educate the children in this area," said Allen.

Wendell Gray, also a board member, said the school board tries to provide schools where the children live. "Construction of this building is a common asset to the people that live in the community. As long as the people live there we have no other alternative," stated Gray.

Churches to Hold Evangel Mission

A joint Evangelistic Mission is announced by the Hughes Memorial and the Rodney Avenue Methodist churches, corner NE Rodney avenue and Stanton street, beginning Sunday, March 8, at 11 a.m.

The Rev. Lester D. Boulden, Methodist minister from Weston, Oregon, is the guest director and speaker for the mission. This is in cooperation with the United Evangelistic Mission being conducted throughout Oregon.

The schedule for the services follows:

At 11 a.m. and 7:30 p.m. Sunday and 7:30 p.m. Tuesday and Thursday Rev. Boulden will speak at the Hughes Memorial Methodist church. On Monday, Wednesday and Friday at 7:30 p.m. he will speak at the Rodney Avenue Methodist church, 2859 NE Rodney avenue.

The combined choirs, under the direction of David White and Margaret Tippet, will furnish music for the occasion. Dr. J. Harold Jones II and the Rev. C. R. Desler are ministers of the sponsoring churches.

Medical School Accepts African

Samuel Ayodele Ojo, 23, a student on the Linfield college campus since 1950, will begin medical training at the University of Oregon Medical School this fall.



Sam Ojo

A native of Legos, capital city of Nigeria, a British colony and protectorate, Oja has maintained a better than average standing in school subjects. Ojo decided on a medical career because he "feels he has an inclination toward medicine" and 30 million people in his homeland are in much need of physicians.

He plans to return to Nigeria after completing his medical training.

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March Big Month For Urban League

"March is our big month this year," stated Mark Smith, chairman as of program committee, as he referred to the big March membership campaign at the monthly meeting of the Urban league Thursday, February 26, at the central YWCA.

Smith was one of several committee heads who reported to the group. He said a goal of 3,000 members has been set with a big kick-off dinner planned for March 12. Sunday, March 27th will find Julius Thomas, national industrial relations secretary, here in Portland to help celebrate the conclusion of the campaign.

Phil Dreyer, member of the executive board of Oregon Committee for Equal Rights reported on the progress of the civil rights bill introduced by Senator Phil Hitchcock of Klamath Falls.

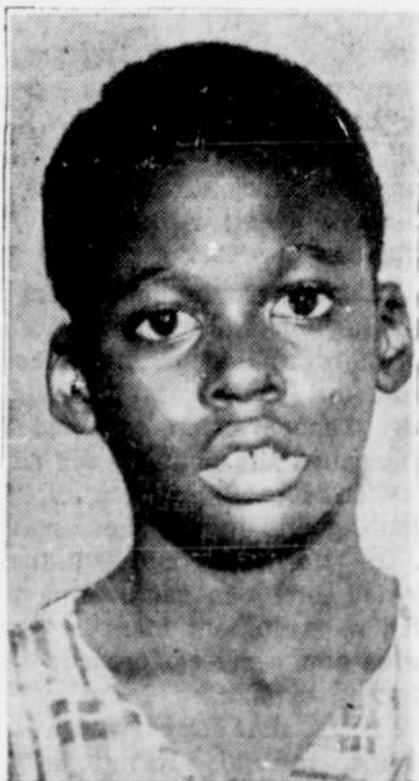
The Ide Wild club, which has 100 per cent membership in the Urban league, was hostess to the coffee hour which followed.

Satisfied Reader

"I knew that my only hope was the Portland Challenger," commented E. Shelton Hill lafter a Challenger Classified Ad had located his new hat.

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