

Transfer students win in elections



DWAYNE ABRAHAM, who lives at 4036 N. Albina, as a transfer student to William Walker school in Beaverton district was elected student body vice president of this suburban school which is cooperating in the transfer program.

Two Portland students in the suburban transfer program for black children have been elected to student body offices in their adopted schools and a Portland girl is currently running for office at the suburban school she attends.

The suburban transfer program, begun in 1968 to send children from the Albina area to schools in outlying districts, is really proving itself this year, according to Coordinator Donald Ross, and the Portland transfer students are becoming an integral part of their adopted schools. Dwayne Abraham, fourth grader from the Albina area who has been attending William Walker Elementary School in Beaverton for the past three years, has been chosen student body vice-president by his classmates. Terry Pierson, sixth grader, has been elected student body president of Menlo Park Elementary in the David Douglas School District. Terry, formerly a student at Martin Luther King School in North Portland, has been attending the David Douglas school on the transfer program since the fourth grade.

Currently running for school office is Dorene Larry, sixth grade girl from Elliot School who has been attending Lake Grove Elementary School since the fourth grade.

Donald Ross reports that about 96 Albina area students are taking part in the suburban transfer program this year, with children attending schools in the Beaverton, Lake Oswego, David Douglas and Parkrose school districts. He says the program has been growing each year, with the outlying districts continuing to ask for greater numbers of black children.

Parents have become very

enthusied, too, reports Ross, and frequently will enroll more than one child in the transfer program.

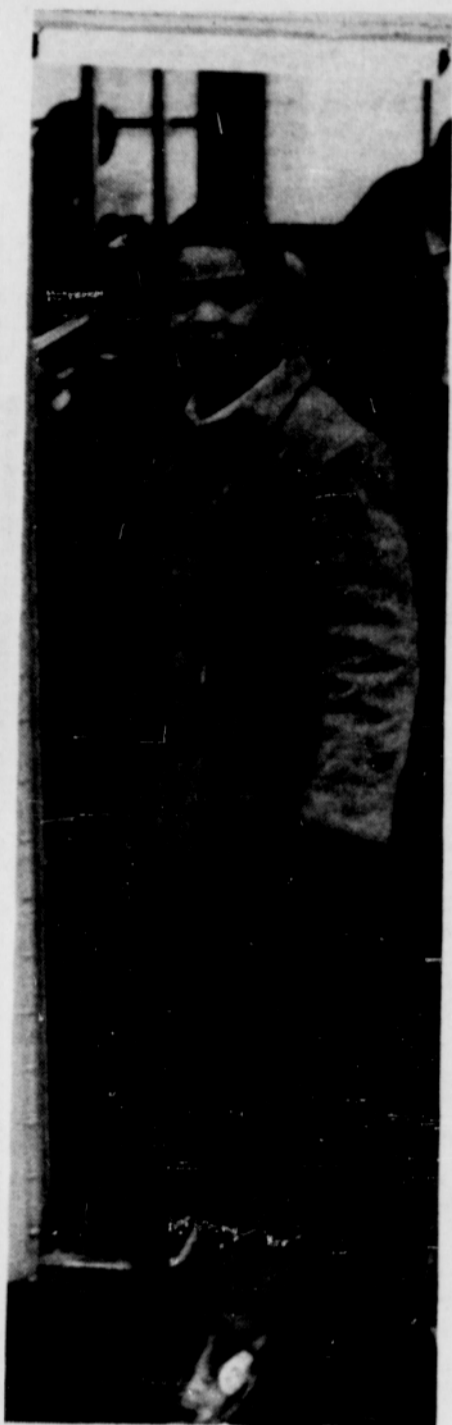
Dwayne Abraham has a younger brother, Terryl Lynn, in the third grade at William Walker School, and Terry Pierson has a younger sister, Catherine, in the fourth grade at Oak Hills School in the Beaverton district. Dorene Larry's younger brother Rodney is in the fourth grade at Lake Grove.

Portland parents interested in enrolling their children in the student transfer program should contact the community agent in their local school or the school office for information. The voluntary program is for black children and transportation is provided by the Portland Public Schools.

Student smoking

At the request of member William Hilliard, the committee discussed the problem of student smoking at high schools. Mr. Hilliard suggested that perhaps smoking lounges in the schools should be provided so that students would not be forced to congregate around schools, to smoke. He noted that this probably would mean the Oregon law prohibiting minors from possessing tobacco would have to be changed, and suggested that the committee urge the Board of Education to seek such a change.

After much discussion, Mrs. Ruth Gudman, committee chairman, asked the two student members of the committee, Miss Laila Aarnas and Spurgin Waters, to survey the five area high schools to determine what facilities might be available for student lounges.



SUBURBAN SCHOOL TRANSFER program for the 70's is proving a step into opportunity for Perry Pierson. Perry lives at 4957 NE 8th Avenue. Quality education is more of a factor than busing. Perry recently was elected student body president of Menlo Park elementary school.

Grant Hi seeking dialogue

The faculty and administrative staff of Grant High School is seeking to establish better channels of communication with parents of students who are new to Northeast Portland's largest secondary school. The first step toward bringing the school and community closer together a meeting was held at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Robert King, 523 N.E. Tillamook St.

In a casual friendly atmosphere a few parents gathered to discuss their common concern with faculty members. Among them were Mes. Porter, Strahan, Linda Lewis, Bea Lawrence, Naomi England, Lynne Soto-Sulig, Alcena Boozler, Mr. Steve Brown, Mr. David Copper and Mr. and Mrs. James Majeske.

All participants agreed that such a dialogue was useful and should be continued. "When a community has problems 'concerned citizens' should find ways to solve the problems rather than just talk," said Mrs. Verna Shephard, Grant's Community Agent.

Mrs. Shephard announced that the future meetings of the group school administrators will also be present.

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