

Plummer's farwell



Plummer smiles with deep appreciation of the gifts, cards and expressions given to him during the Farwell Party. Citizens of Albina and throughout the city were on hand to say thank you for a job well done.

Citizens of Portland gathered together to give Mr. Herman Plummer, known as "Uncle Herman," a going away party for a job well done as director of Albina Citizens Together Community Action Center.

Speakers were: Mrs. Helen McDaniel, co-chairman of the party, Azzree Lathan, co-chairman, Ann Kent, ACAC Staff presented the flowers; Edgar O. Mitchell, chairman of ACT Bd... R. L. Anderson, Councilman of Albina; Mickey Harris, Albina Women's League; Minnie Harris ACAC Staff and Lizzie Sheppard, Co-ordinator.

Plummer who is also an ex-realtor plans to be involved actively in Community affairs. He still believe that Portland can become the Model city for Americans of all ethnic background.

Head start parents

If some of your acquaintances are getting thinner or keeping busier, you might first suspect that they have children in the Head Start Program. This year, under the able direction of Mrs. Winona Edwards, Coordinator of Parent Education, along with her duties as a social work aide for the Portland Early Childhood Education Program, Head Start has probably set a record. There is a class available for parents every day of the week—and transportation to it!

Put yourself in the place of a Head Start parent and see where your interest would lie. (Could it be that you would become thin—and busy, too?)

For parents who find their children outgrowing everything from clothing to aspirin doses (we hope the parents are not facing the same dilemmas), there is a well-chosen class in Child Development. A wee fee is necessary for this course. Every student feels his studies are "developing" very well under the direction of Mrs. Cornella Novak, Child Development Specialist from Portland Community College.

Berta Saoget, a Head Start teacher and part-time instructor of Portland Community College, feels she has one class all "sewed up." This class is tailor-made for those who can sew and those who cannot. Beginners are beginning, and advanced seamstresses are advancing in the two sections of the class. If we notice bad weather continuing for a time perhaps it is because E.C.E. mothers are sewing up a storm!

The next choice might be whether to knit or "knot"—Knitting is beginning to "Click with the beginners in the class. The more advanced students are making some very lovely and practical items and entering into the thrill of creating beauty from few resources. This closely-knit group meets weekly at Peninsula Park with Mrs. Doris Winters as instructor.

Perhaps the most exciting class is the one which requires emergencies (to be of value, that is.) Like everyone's spring wardrobe, the First Aid class yet to see some action, but it may comfort the reader to know that they are prepared to handle frostbite cases if our weather refuses to warm. The Red Cross Association with the instruction of Mrs. Isabel Allison is conducting the course according to their specifications and the E.C.E. Program is justly proud of the 10 persons who have completed the required number of hours... and passed the test thus far, and the additional five parents who will be receiving their first Red Cross Certificates shortly, also. What could be more practical around a family of active children?

For those whose "physical" is not fitting as well as it used to there is a welcome extended to join the ladies in their Physical Fitness class. The scene for the energy out-put is the Matt Dishman Center on Knott street with Mrs. Leslie Unthank, Project Director of that Center, as instructor. A double encouragement to attend (or to become doubly skinny) is the scheduling of class on both Monday morning and Wednesday afternoon... Perhaps there is something to the adage that "Old Head Start... mothers never die; they just thin out."

Most of the Head Start parent enrolled in the classes, however, are really "in the swim." In fact of all Parent Education classes, the Swimming classes are the most popular with the Head Start fathers. The splashdowns occur each week at the Hollywood Branch of the Y.M.C.A. under the supervision of the Physical Education Department. When the classes began there were two groups: sinkers and swimmers

Now, once a week they are "all wet" and make like tadpoles. Everyone is pleased with the progress of the Water People.

Head Start parents have responded well to the variety of programs offered by E.C.E. this spring. Perhaps, though, the real laurels should be placed on those who really deserve the credit—the people and organizations of this community: Portland Community College, the Matt Dishman Center, Peninsula Park Bureau, YMCA, and the Red Cross Association. Swimming caps off to them all!

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