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NAACP Director speaks model cities Emanuel Teen-age ward



Althea T. L. Simmons
Miss Simmons is an outstanding leader in the civil rights field.

Althea T. L. Simmons was appointed National Director for Training Programs for the National Association for the Advancement of Colored People in February, 1965. Prior to this appointment she was Field Dir. for the West Coast Region of the Association, serving branches in Southern California, Arizona and Nevada.

During the fall of 1964, she coordinated the Association's nation-wide voter registration drive which played a vital part in achieving a record-breaking registration of more than 6,000,000 Negro voters and directed highly successful NAACP Summer Projects in leadership development and voter registration in Alabama, Mississippi, La., South Carolina and Southeast Mo.

Miss Simmons was featured in the September 2, 1969 issue of the New York Times in an article "Black Woman in Civil Rights: Is She a Second Class Citizen?"

during the summers of 1965-67.

She is a Vice-Chairman of the Board of Directors of the Encampment for Citizenship, a member of the National Association of Intergroup Relations -- Officials (NAIRC), the American Society of Training and Development (ASTD) and the American Management Association.

She has served on the resource staff of the Colorado Residential Assembly sponsored by the Bureau of Speech Services of the University of Colorado in 1966, '68 and '69 and was guest lecturer at the NDEA Summer Institute in U.S. History at St. Lawrence University, Canton, New York, in 1965 and 1967.

During the fall of 1970, Miss Simmons lectured at the Sonnenberg International Centre, St. Andreasberg, Germany and in major West German cities under the auspices of the United States Information Service.

Miss Simmons, a former college teacher and newspaper woman, was graduated from Southern University (La.) in business and holds an M.S. degree in Marketing from the University of Illinois and a Bachelor of Laws degree from the Howard University School of Law. She has pursued further study in leadership development, management training and contact compliance at the University of Southern California in Los Angeles, the American Society for Training and Development Institute at the University of Wisconsin (Madison) and the American Management Association.

Model Cities mission is to improve the quality of life in the Model Cities Neighborhood. The life-blood of this mission doesn't surprisingly enough come from the Federal dollars pumped into the projects, but rather from the citizens themselves. One important function of citizens exists in the Model Cities Working Committees. The purposes of each Working Committee, established by the Citizens Planning Board, are to assist the Citizens Planning Board by developing Model Cities projects. The Working Committees' plans then go to the Citizens Planning Board and the Portland City Council. Besides projects, the Working Committees develop work programs and preliminary budgets; approve projects for contract with an operating agency; monitor on-going projects in conjunction with work programs and budget. The Working Committee also recommends continuation, modification or discontinuance of the project; plan for future action years. Other assignments are also given to the Working Committees by the Citizens Planning Board or the Executive Committee.

Charles Jordan, Model Cities director, explains most clearly the importance of citizens participation. He said recently that the program could do much more with as many people taking an active role as there was total money for the program.

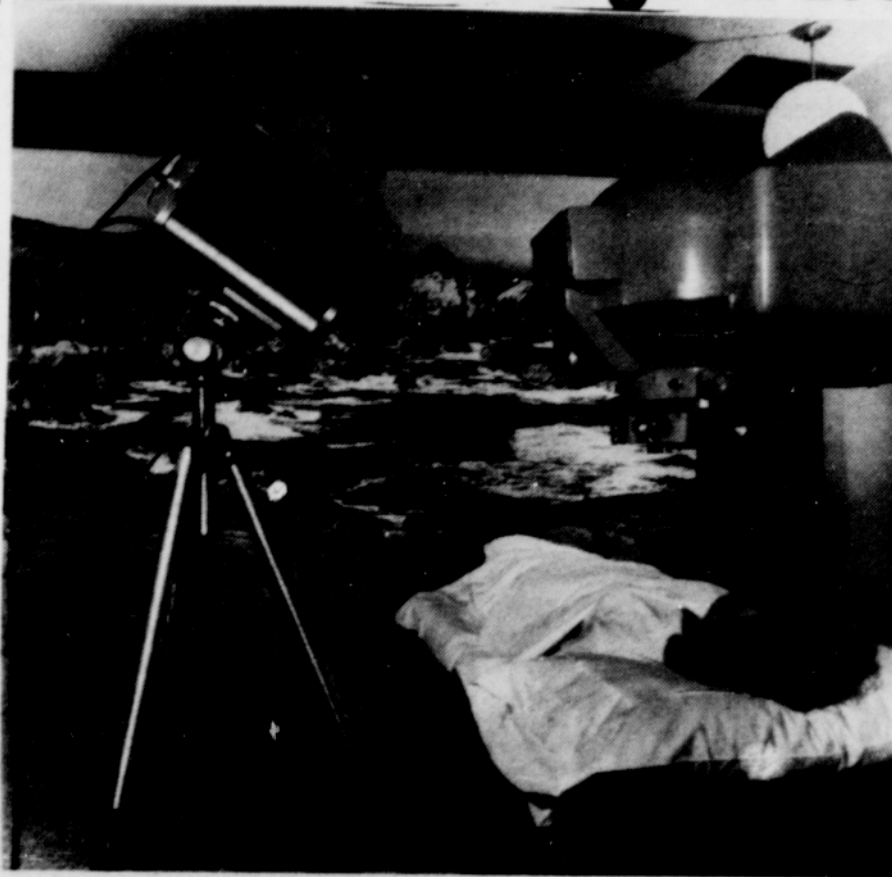
There are nine Working Committees for citizens to choose from and include health; education; employment; law and justice; recreation and culture; social services; economic development and transportation; citizens participation and physical environment and Housing. Model Cities residents who are not presently involved in the program are invited to participate in the Working Committee of their choice. Further information is available by calling Model Cities office, 288-8261 or dropping by at 5329 NE Union.

Black newsmen

Jim Giggins and Mal Goode of ABC; Hal Walker and Chance Williams of CBS. Natney is White House correspondent for NBC, and Gordon Graham also works out of NBC's Washington bureau. Norma Quarles, who works out of New York, is on the air about twice a month. Giggins is in Vietnam and Goode covers the United Nations for ABC. Walker is in Washington and Williams is in Los Angeles.

Ponchitta Pierce, who had been with CBS in New York, was released on Feb. 19. Lem Tucker, formerly with NBC in New York, resigned some time ago to become news director of WOR-TV in New York. Tucker frequently substituted for Frank Blair as newscaster of NBC's Today show.

There are, at the most, seven black reporters who appear on network television news broadcasts, network sources have informed the Observer. They are Bill Matney, Gordon Graham and Norma Quarles of NBC; --



Emanuel Teen-Age Ward activities lean toward festivities with any excuse at all -- and when Terry Sprague was a patient last summer, his birthday was the occasion for a lot of excitement. Above, -- festive foods (patients can have anything they want, as long as it isn't contrary to doctor's orders) range from popsicles soft drinks, milk and candy bars to a birthday cake; staff includes, from left, Miss P. Seybold, who's since gone back to college Mrs. Oneida Harvey, licensed practical nurse, 623 NE Morris; and Mrs. Frances C. Douglas, ward clerk, 802 SE 27th.

IT'S STILL a swinging scene, a good share of the time in the popular Emanuel Hospital Teen-age Ward a department that won international fame and a full-length story in the old Saturday Evening Post a decade ago.

The department was the first in the nation when it was opened in 1957, at the inspiration of Emanuel President Paul R. Hanson, and it worked so well that neither Hanson nor the staff physicians could figure out why no one had ever thought of it before.

The idea developed by accident -- one that involved Hanson's son, then 13, who sliced open his knee cap jumping off a roof and wound up in the hospital pediatrics ward, surrounded by small children.

His complaints led to investigation which eventually resulted in opening of the Teen-age Ward which has since been much copied around the nation.

Here, patients have unlimited visitors, a diet that leans heavily on hamburgers, milkshakes, and soft drinks on demand, and cheerful visiting back and forth.

Nursing staff members like Teen-agers and their assignments to be 18-bed department,

where they have to be prepared for hi-jinks and hijinks and high spirits and a lot of practical jokers. There's also window-decorating for special holidays -- Christmas, for instance, when holiday designs cover windows up both sides of the corridor.

Chief advantage of having a department of their own, however, is the mutual encouragement the patients give each other and the upbeat enthusiasm that is generated to eliminate any tendency to be depressed. The relaxed, cheerful atmosphere is good therapy -- and providing the best care possible is why the hospital's here.

Governor's committee

The Governor's Advisory Committee on Chicano Affairs will hold a press conference today, at 10:00 a.m. in Portland, Oregon. It will be held at the Koinonia House, 633 SW Montgomery, Portland, Ore.

The topics to be discussed include the problems of Mexicans -- Americans in Oregon that have been brought to the Governor's attention -- what has and what has not been accomplished; the Chicano movement in Oregon as compared to the movement in Calif.

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