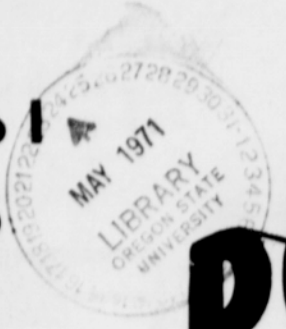


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## Social workers attend National Conference



Mrs. Bert Jermany, Cynthia Thomas and Archie Easter, examine program prior to leaving for Dallas conference.

Three Social Workers with the 4-C Family Day and Night Care Program (Model Cities) Mrs. Bert (T.J.) Jermany, Miss Cynthia Thomas, and Mr. Archie Easter, Jr., are attending the 68th Annual Conference on Social Welfare in Dallas, Texas, this week. The Conference, which is co-sponsored by 71 member agencies, is being held from May 16th through May 22nd. Over 200 workshops will center around the theme: "Human Aspirations and National Priorities." The Black Caucus of the NCSW will meet concurrently.

Among the featured speakers are: Reverend Andrew Young, Executive Secretary of the Southern Christian Leadership Conference; Senator Edmund Muskie of Maine; Honorable Ron Dellums, Black Representative from California; Mrs. Dorothy Height, Director of the Office of Racial Justice for the National Board of the YWCA; Howard N. Lee, Asst. to the Director of Medical Education at Duke University; Prof. Paul M. Hauser, Director of Population Research, Chicago University. Members of the Black Caucus of the U.S. House of Representatives will report on their activities in Congress.

Mrs. Jermany evaluates and certifies day care parents, who then provide care for young children in their homes for the 4-C program. Day care parents are provided the necessary equipment and supplies to enable them to give good child care as well as educational experiences. Mrs. Jermany formerly was a Social Worker for Albina Child Development Center. Mr. Easter works with children who need child care and their families, selecting the most suitable day care home for the child and supervising the placement. Mr. Easter is a former Community Organization Specialist for Albina Citizens Together. Miss Cynthia Thomas is employed part time by 4-C while attending the Portland State University Graduate School of Social Work. Her field placement for the school is John Adams High School.

## Consumer Protection

House Bill (HB) 3037, the House Judiciary Consumer Protection Bill, passed the House by an overwhelming majority last week. Rep. Robert Stults and his sub-committee was responsible for putting together many of the best parts of the bills introduced by Demoforum, the Consumer League, Senator Don Willner and Attorney General Lee Johnson. The bill provides a significant amount of consumer protection, although it does not contain all the measures that consumer advocates wanted.

The bill does:

1. effectively limit the doctrine of holder in due course in consumer transactions;
2. limit deficiency judgments where the amount at repossession is less than \$500;
3. provide for statewide endorsement of the deceptive trade practice act by the Attorney General;
4. strengthen the deceptive trade practices act by providing broader definitions of what is a deceptive trade practice;
5. abolish referral sales;
6. provide for \$200 minimum damages plus attorney fees for consumers victimized by a deceptive trade practice;
7. provide for a three (3) day cancellation period in door-to-door sales;
8. allow attorney fees to a consumer who must sue to enforce a warranty.

The bill does not provide for class actions, measure which had already passed the Senate. Neither does the bill eliminate deficiency judgments in the area where they are most often abused, i.e. in the automobile area and in repossessions where the balance due is more than \$500.

It appears that HB 3037 will be sent to the Senate Consumer Affairs Committee which is chaired by Betty Roberts. Other members of the committee are Sam Dement, Hector Macpherson, Tom Mahoney and Don Willner.

## Navy Recruiter



ENG 1ST CLASS MERRILL T. HARRIS  
Engineman First Class Merrill T. Harris, U.S. Navy, arrived February 19, 1971 at the Navy Recruiting Station, Portland. He will be a minority Navy Recruiter for this area. We, in the Navy, are quite proud of our equal opportunities and treatment organization and charter and we are stepping up our effort to ensure that equal opportunity in the Navy is not just an "official fact" but a fact in a reality that is apparent to everyone.

Engineman First Class Harris is a veteran of 12 years naval service and recently served on the USS Paricutin (AE 8) in the Pacific Fleet, and just returned from the far East. He has also served on a Fleet Tug in the Pacific, and at the Navy Torpedo Station at Key Port, Washington, and was a member of the 42nd advisory group, Vietnam.

In addition to holding the Navy

## Car gun ban clears House

The House approved and sent to the Senate a bill that would make it illegal to carry loaded guns in an automobile.

The bill permits concealed weapons to be loaded, which allows police officers to carry loaded guns.

Irvin Mann, Republican Representative from Stanfield, said he introduced the bill as a result of the accidental death of a child last summer, who was killed when a loaded gun discharged in a car.

## Woman of year mother of 21

The mother of 21 children (16 living) was chosen "mother of the year" by the Jackson (Michigan) Blazer, a Black newspaper. Mrs. Kathryn Floyd said that bringing up a large family (which ranges in age from 27 to nine months) is difficult at times but a joy nonetheless if you "bring than up right."

Sometimes her children had to go to school dressed somewhat poorly. Mrs. Floyd said, "but we emphasized the need, but we emphasized the necessity of a good education over and above the need to be in style. We put a great deal of effort in teaching the oldest child the importance of an education. The rest will follow the example of the oldest."

The Floyd's oldest child attended the University of Michigan and now manages a clothing store; twin girls, Judith are getting a medical degree and master's degree respectively; four other children also are in college or graduate school right now. "My husband often lectures to the children on drugs, drinking, gambling and other vices," Mrs. Floyd said, adding that keeping children out of trouble is the biggest job now. Mrs. Floyd has worked in the same industrial plant for 21 years.

## Portland's Blacks by-passed

### \$10 million in loans made to generate minority businesses

Nearly \$10 million in loans were generated for minority businessmen through a year-long federally financed program in 11 U.S. cities, according to a report issued by Robert A. Podesta, Assistant Secretary of Commerce for Economic Development.

Entitled, "Project Outreach - Phase II" the program was conducted by the National Business League, headquartered in Washington, D.C., for the Economic Development Administration, U.S. Department of Commerce.

The league conducted a pilot effort to assemble existing resource in 11 cities for use by minority group members who wished to become independent businessmen and to assist them in promoting their ventures. The record at the close of the project on December 31, 1969, includes:

- 230 loans totaling \$9,767,070 approved for minority businessmen and another 73, totaling \$4,156,100, pending. The loans were made by local banks and development companies, private individuals, and the Small Business Administration.
- Employment opportunities involved in the new minority business enterprises amounted to more than 1,500.
- Technical assistance offered to more than 1,250 minority businessmen.

The National Business League said its goals were to concentrate on minority ownership of businesses in central city areas, to provide employment for residents of these communities and to elevate minority businessmen into civic leaders.

The report states: "NBL does not advocate development of a separate black economy. Instead, its objectives are based upon a firm realization that a concentrated effort to develop an area of significant minority, especially Black, participation as employers in the aggregate economy of the Nation is essential to meeting both the economic grievances of the

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## Black author receives



## PHD conferred at U. of P.

Black author, Jay Saunders Redding, now Ernest E. White Professor of American Studies at Cornell University, received an honorary Doctor of Humane Letters degree at the University of Portland, in Portland, Oregon Sunday, May 9th.

The citation noting the degree read: "As the Child is father to the man, Saunders Redding was fortunate that all his life has been passed in an aura which nourished learning and values. As a writer, Guggenheim recipient, consultant to the National Endowment for the Humanities, and University professor, he has endlessly sought, by pen and speech the unity of men. We honor him for his contributions to letters and for his quickening sense of human understanding."

Also receiving honorary degree at the ceremony were Harrison Salisbury, assistant managing editor of the New York Times, Sylvia Porter, nationally syndicated financial columnist, and Most Reverend Mark J. Hurley, Bishop of Santa Rosa, Cal.

## Family health forums at Emanuel hospital

Two topics are planned for the fourth in the series of Family Health Forums at Emanuel Hospital, to be held Tuesday, May 25, from 7:30 to 9 p.m. in Emanuel Extended Care, 3001 N. Gantenbein.

Joseph's Hospital in Alliance Neb. She's worked with both the Veterans Administration hospital and the State Board of Health.

Mrs. Erlene Martin, R.N. who has a bachelor of science degree from the University of Washington, has also completed study toward a Master of Science in psychiatry at San Francisco State college. She will discuss "Prenatal Care and Maternal Health" will be discussed by Mrs. Elizabeth Rambousek, R.N., of the Maternal and Infant Care project, a professional nurse who will soon have her masters of arts degree in social work from Portland State University.

She'll explain why prenatal care is important and also discuss what happens when the baby is born, using visual aids to demonstrate the birth process. Experienced in answering questions and allaying concerns of new mothers, Mrs. Rambousek is a graduate of the University of Oregon School of Nursing (B.A.) and earned her R.N. at St. Joseph's Hospital in Alliance Neb.

"Family Health Forum" programs are held in the community room of Emanuel Extended Care and the entire family is encouraged to attend. Baby-sitting is provided as well as "coffee breaks" to provide an opportunity for informal discussion. There is no charge.

## Court orders appeals pay

Ross Morgan, Administrator, Employment Division said here today that the Division will no longer be able to hold up unemployment insurance benefits when an employer appeals concerning disqualification of an employee claimant.

The U.S. Supreme Court on April 26 handed down an opinion in the case of the California Department of Human Resources Development v. Java et al which requires the California Department and Employment Security Agencies in 48 other states to pay unemployment benefits pending such decision. It is subsequently held that the claimant should not have been paid, the affected employer's account will not be charged for the payments made. The recovery of the over payment will be effected by offsets against future benefits claimed and payable.

Morgan said that the appeals procedures for unemployment insurance cases are being stepped up to reduce the amount of overpayments which might accrue from the decision on employer appeals.



Presentation of colorful, attractive decorative plaques was made by the March of Dimes - National Foundation to the Maternal and Infant Care Project at Emanuel Hospital during "Healthy Baby Week". Enjoying the collection, now delighting young visitors to the clinic, are MSCP staff members, from left, Mrs. Elizabeth Rambousek, nurse coordinator, MSCP; Mrs. Princess Reynolds, home economist; Mrs. M. Terry Baird, March of Dimes Prenatal Care Chairman; Mrs. Connie Hoffman, MSCP nutritionist; Mrs. Earline Martin, assistant nurse coordinator; Mrs. Ruth Currie, medical social worker; Mrs. Marcella Marich, social worker.

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