

Republican Blacks

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al Convention in Miami," she explained. She is an alternate delegate to the National Convention.

"It is really great to have this opportunity to become a voice in our political process," she added. Debra said, "I hope to get more young Blacks involved in Republican activities."

Mr. Boyd, also an alternate delegate, predicts that "more educated southern Blacks, who think for themselves, will be attracted to the Republican

Party." He added, "Southern Blacks must be consulted by those whom we know, by those who speak the same language."

A strong believer in the work ethic so deeply embedded in the Black community, Mr. Boyd told of having worked for 8 cents an hour. He went from the occupation of farming to school teaching and later became president of a college.

His views on work are very pronounced. "The best thing this nation can do is get people off the welfare rolls onto the payrolls. Welfare corrupts every phase of our lives; it destroys the incentive to work." He pointed out that "there is nothing more important in life than work. I subscribe to the old adage: 'Give a man a fish and he can eat for a day; teach him to fish and he can eat for a lifetime.'"

Mr. Boyd expressed some hope on the outcome of the Convention in relating the Republican Party to Blacks. "I hope the Republican Party adopts a platform that will say to America: 'We will have no more give away programs; we will help provide jobs to those who need employment,'" he concluded.

Both Mr. Boyd and Miss Geran illustrate the new mood among Blacks in this nation. The cutting edge of the civil rights movement today is effective Black participation in politics. Black communities from around the country have given broad acceptance to the use of politics as a major tool for community advancement.

The mood in Miami at the Republican National Convention is definitely one which shows that Blacks will exercise their franchise in both parties this year. The size of the Black delegation shows a dramatic increase since the 1968 Convention. There is certainly every reason to believe that more Blacks than ever before will participate in the choosing of the next president, just as they have in choosing the candidates.



TRAINEES WILLIAM BRIGGS, Robert Martin, James Swanson and Felton Thompson are assisting in setting-up tables to receive firefighter applications. Applications will be received at the trainee station August 22nd to September 1st. In addition, the trainee station will be open Saturday, August 26th, to receive applications.

Education committee organizes

The temporary Education Committee of the Oregon Black Caucus met Sunday, at 2 p.m., in the home of Brother Eric Harper to discuss membership, structure and by-laws governing a permanent education committee. Those present were: Edward Boozier, Walter Morris, James Rogers, Eric Harper, John Jenkins, Bob Owens, David Nero, Jr., and Dr. Lee Brown.

It was agreed that the State of Oregon does not meet the education needs of its Black citizens and that an effective Black educational committee must be created to serve the needs of all Black people in the state. The Education Committee will be divided into the following eight (8) divisions: 10 elementary, 2 high-school, 3 junior college, 4 four-year college, 5 university, 6 correctional institutions, 7 public relations officer, and 8 open sessions coordinator.

Acting chairman Eric Harper said that all divisions will be opened to members of the Black community and that a board representation from all sectors of the community is desirable. The education

committee will act as a resource, coordinating and public forum for all educational needs of Black people in Oregon and welcomes the participation of all interested persons. Mr. Harper may be contacted at 288-0473.

The Education Committee is especially interested in parents of school-age children. The next Education Committee meeting will be Sunday, 2 p.m., at the Nero Industries, Inc., 3525 N.E. Union Avenue. Everybody is welcome. Please come. This concerns your children's education in the State of Oregon.

Model Cities open house

An open house for Model Cities Foster Parents will be held at the Multi-Service Center, 5022 N. Vancouver Avenue, between 7:30 p.m. and 9:00 p.m., September 12, 1972. The staff of the Children's Services Division will conduct tours of the Center and serve refreshments to the foster parents and their children.

Tri-Met tries mini bus

If there's a strange looking bus on your Tri-Metline in the next two weeks, try it.

Beginning Monday on the downtown Shopper service, Tri-Met will give a two-week test to a 31-passenger, four-cylinder "mini" bus, manufactured by Highway Products, Kent, Ohio. During the operation on six different lines, Tri-Met patrons will be asked to comment on the blue, white and gold bus.

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Schedule for the bus includes:

Monday, Aug. 21 through Aug. 25, Downtown Shopper; Aug. 26 & 27, 82nd Avenue; Aug. 28-30, Bridge Transfer; Aug. 31 through Sept. 4, 39th Avenue; Sept. 5 & 6, 102nd Avenue; and Sept. 7-9, Westover.

Patrons on all six lines will be given a survey card, giving them an opportunity to say what they like or dislike about the bus. Meanwhile, Tri-Met operations will be watching performance of the vehicle on the different types of routes.

PCC students to build house

"Full Swing" is the word for Portland Community College Construction Technology starting in the Fall term. Hammers will be flying as students begin construction on a "non-conventional" conventional house. Glen Fors, Department Chairman of Engineering Technology, explains that the house will not be one that can be sold because this would mean very limited instructional value. The design of the building to be built at the Sylvania center will incorporate nearly all of the phases of construction such as concrete slab on

grade, post and beam foundations, hop, valley, gable and open beam roofs, shakes, bevel siding, board and batt, etc., exteriors. By this design the students will become involved with as many practical applications as possible and be better prepared for a variety of building and remodeling situations. The rooms will not be completed, and the house will be disassembled when the learning experience is complete. Future classes will follow the same procedure. Fors states, "Anybody can build a house, but if a student is going to

function well in industry, he must learn about many types of construction. This is what we're trying to do at PCC." Students will follow established patterns from applying for building permits, estimating and ordering materials, layout and construction to completion inspections. In addition to learning about, and doing, established and innovative construction procedures, the curriculum also includes safety -- on the job and related laws, math, materials, surveying, accounting, office procedures, and other related courses.

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Sickle Cell testing

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will direct the massive outreach and public education effort planned.

Purpose of the testing is to identify persons with the inherited blood problem that primarily affects members of the Black population and, when the disease itself occurs, frequently can be fatal. Orientation and training of project staff members is already underway, the Rev. Jackson says.

The testing program will include educational efforts, screening and diagnosis of sickle cell disease, and referral of patients for therapy or follow-up care when this is necessary.

While recognizing that the abnormality which produces the characteristic "sickle-shaped" red cells is confined

primarily to Blacks, project leaders said tests will be available to anyone who wishes to have one. The sickle cell disease itself can occur only when someone inherits sickle cell genes from both parents. The "trait", which is also identified by the laboratory tests, can occur when the abnormality is inherited from only one parent.

(Genetic counseling provided for persons identified as having the trait will emphasize the risk to future children if two persons carrying the trait marry: the odds are one in four that their child will have the disease, one in two that the child will have the trait.)

Emanuel has routinely tested for sickle cell anemia through its Family Planning Program, in which 2,150 per-

sons have been tested, and the Maternal and Infant Care Program, in which 2,818 patients have been tested. Last year, funding was provided by both the Johnson and the Collins Foundations to test 309 Adams High School students and 299 Jefferson High students in a cooperative effort involving both public and private institutions and organizations. Sponsors of the drive to stop sickle cell anemia include the Albina Ministerial Alliance, Albina Multi-Service Center, Black Athletes' Foundation, Emanuel Hospital, Free People's Health Clinic, John Adams High School, Links, Inc. - Portland Chapter, Model Cities, Multnomah County Health Department, National Council of Negro Women - Portland Chapter, Oklahoma Club, Pacific Northwest Bell, Permanente Clinic, Red Cross, School District No. 1, University of Oregon Medical School, U.S. National Bank and the Youth Opportunity School.

Nigel Pickering, M.D., chief of clinical pathology at Emanuel, says that so far "the incidence of those with the trait has been about 5.4 per cent of those we have tested. We have found no case of the 'disease itself.' Nationally, the trait is believed to occur in 8 to 13 per cent of the Black population.

Testing for the federally-funded program will be by electrophoresis, which measures the distinctive electrical charges of different types of hemoglobin and will identify other blood abnormalities - usually other anemias - in addition to the sickle cell trait and the disease itself.

Representing the hospital in the program are Walter Reynolds, M.D., immediate past president of the Emanuel Medical Staff, who will serve as medical director of the program, and Robert Layne, Emanuel assistant vice president of outpatient services, who will serve as administrative officer.

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