

League seeks members

Men and women interested in the League of Women Voters will want to attend the 9:30 a.m. meeting of the Portland League on September 13 at Westminster Presbyterian Church, 1624 N.E. Hancock. Focus will be on the League and its activities for the coming year.

A panel of local League members successful in community and political affairs is scheduled at luncheon. Panelists are Polly Casterline, City-County Charter Commission; Elaine Cogan,

Chairman, Portland Development Commission; Stevie Remington, Executive Secretary, American Civil Liberties Union; Marlene Stahl, Downtown Plan Citizens Advisory Committee.

Morning sessions will be "The Whole Picture: Ideas, Study, Action," "Resource Committees," "Pot Pourri," and "You and the Unit."

The public is invited. Luncheon reservations are required. For further information, call the League at 228-1675.

Volunteers needed

The Institute for Public Affairs Research, Inc. (IPAR), a non-profit educational foundation which provides community resources for school educational programs, is seeking several adult volunteers who can work with high school students in the agency's scheduling center.

The adult volunteers are needed to serve as supervisors for students on work experience programs. The students work in one of two 3 hour shifts each day. Other duties of the Adult Volunteer include: telephoning teachers and resource speakers; scheduling resource persons; and general typing and record-keeping.

IPAR is currently involved in a comprehensive Pilot Project in conjunction with area education. The aim of the project is to develop the mechanics for involving the community in Career Education programs. Thus, the Adult Volunteer will find an enthusiastic working situation and a stimulating staff.

Persons interested in volunteering, or in learning more about IPAR and the Pilot Project should contact Carol Grelle at 233-6581 or stop by the IPAR office at 516 S.E. Morrison.

Black youth

(Continued from pg. 1, col. 4) to carry out their duty.

Bob Redman is the new owner of the skating rink and this was his first night. He has set new rules to insure safety of the skaters as well as allowing all to have a good time. One of the rules is that there be no hats or coats worn on the floor as they are often thrown around or become a hazard. He said he had asked one young man to leave after he pushed some other skaters and refused to remove his hat. When he refused to leave Redman called the police. He told the *Observer* that he refunded at least \$50 to skaters who decided to leave Saturday night.

Redman told the reporter that he had previously operated a skating rink in Seattle. He felt the discipline at the Imperial was too lax and that additional rules were needed. He also has eliminated spectators, except for parents whose children are skating, in order to solve the problem of a lot of non-skaters hanging around.

He plans to set up various programs to meet the needs of everyone who wishes to skate. He has been a competitor and a teacher of skating and believes it is good sport and good recreation for young people. He emphasized that all persons who want to skate are welcome to the rink.

NYC project success

A group of students associated with the Neighborhood Youth Corp (NYC) has been gaining a variety of valuable work experiences this summer, including "earning a track record running from dogs!"

Six NYC workers were assigned for the summer to the Portland Development Commission's Neighborhood Development Office (NDO) at 3605 N.E. 15th. They all showed up on time everyday and did an exceptionally fine job, according to NDO Supervisor Marian Scott and Art Richardson, who acted as supervisor of NYC activities in addition to his other duties.

Their work assignments included watering street trees in the Irvington and King-Vernon-Sabin neighborhoods and doing surveys in these areas. They also worked door-to-door handing out flyers in both the Irvington and Boise/Humboldt neighborhoods. Some of the students were given the opportunity to work in the NDO production room. Denise Nelson (Grant High School) learned to use the Xerox machine and decided it was "quite fun."

Dog problems incurred by some of the group while working in the neighborhoods were summarized nicely by NYC worker Wilbert Andrews (Roosevelt High) who said, "I think I know how the mailman feels."

The group's enthusiasm went beyond its assigned tasks. Suggestions for a youth workshop and ways to get more youth involvement in the community were outlined by the young people. They also asked permission to attend neighborhood meetings and to have a voice in community planning and affairs.

All felt the summer's work was worthwhile. "The experience was good for us," said Eddie Benton (Roosevelt High). Billy Evers (Central Catholic) said it helped him learn the responsibility of having a job.

Seritha Mathies (Monroe High) added that "We also had many good experiences with older people... they



Filling out final reports are six summer workers from the Neighborhood Youth Corp and their two summer bosses from the Portland Development Commission's Irvington, King-Vernon-Sabin Neighborhood Development Office. Seated clockwise beginning in the lower left corner are: Billy Evers, Denise Nelson, Eddie Benton, Randy Benton, Marian Scott (supervisor NDO #2), Wilbert Andrews, Seritha Mathies, and Art Richardson (NYC Activities supervisor).



Neighborhood Youth Corp summer work group celebrate a "job well done" with Neighborhood Development Office Supervisor Marian Scott and NYC Activities Supervisor Art Richardson. Seated left to right are: Randy Benton, Mrs. Scott, Wilbert Andrews, Seritha Mathies. Standing left to right are Eddie Benton, Denise Nelson, Mr. Richardson and Billy Evers.

didn't try to run over the young people. They wanted to see us make something out of ourselves."

Randolph Benton (Roosevelt High) said, "I like the people at my job... they treated me in a nice way,

and had respect for me." Mrs. Scott hopes that the program can be extended beyond the start of school on a part-time basis. "Those kids are really dependable. I could use everyone of them on my staff."

Group care advocated

"Unless a realistic approach to services is taken, the ideal of community mental health for children could end up being nothing more than an elusive pipe dream," says Dr. Herman S. Belmont.

In the summer issue of *MH*, quarterly magazine of the National Association for Mental Health, Dr. Belmont warns against the huge expenditures of time and money for those projects that are the most rewarding in numbers and results at the expense of those that are individually oriented.

He describes the recent expansion of services for the mental health needs of all children, not just a limited and select middle class but thousands who have never had access to psychiatric care. However, according to the author, it is easy to go astray in these areas where there are so many variables.

"It is more wish than reality," adds Dr. Belmont, "to insist that only one kind of treatment or school of thought can be applied equally to all clinical problems." He recognizes that there are several points of general agreement among child community mental health programs, but adds we must keep in mind "the all-important continuing respect for the individual child and specific treatment appropriate to his needs... For if our eyes are wide open and have been that way from the start, we can see the difference between a self-deluding wish and a carefully reinforced ideal."

Dr. Belmont is Professor

and Director of Division of Child Psychiatry, Hahnemann Medical College and Hospital of Philadelphia, Pa.

This issue of *MH* also includes "A Word About Mental Health and Women" by Dr. Phyllis Chesler, an analysis of citizen participation in mental health programs, and a first-person account of how one lawyer was able to change the commitment procedure in a mental hospital. Rounding out this issue is a photo essay on the poor, and the standard *MH* features: Commentary, Book, and Notes.

Displaced families

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Although some neighbors decided to stay and fight through the courts, after 3 years of fighting, the Albertis finally decided to go. They were told that the relocation money available through the Portland Development Commission would terminate on June 20, so they had to hurry to find a home by that time.

The Albertis now live near Tualatin. Besides having to make house payments, where they had previously owned their home, they have to commute to work and their son has to drive to school.

Some of their neighbors have had different fates - one man who was very active in the Eliot Association died before he could move into his new home. An

elderly couple had to move to California to live with a son. Elderly persons have had to relocate in areas where transportation and shopping is inconvenient, far away from their friends and families.

Federal relocation money was available to owners who chose to purchase new homes, but was not enough to buy a home clear of debt. Many of the residents had incomes too low to take up the additional burden. Others had income property. They were allowed relocation money to purchase homes, but not to buy income property. The Hudsons, who had planned on the income from their 4-plex for their retirement, will have to purchase a one-family home if they obtain a relocation grant!



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