



Sherrian Warren, one of several artists represented at Northeast YWCA "Parade of Talent" set for September 19th. **LOST IN ART** — From left to right: Vonda Johnson, Grace Mason and Sherrian Warren work on paintings for Northeast YWCA "Parade of Talent."

YWCA summer students prepare 'Parade of Talents'

The results of a summerful of classes at the Northeast YWCA will be on display September 19th from 10:00 a.m. to noon under the banner of "Parade of Talents."

located at the Northeast Center, 126 N.E. Alberta.

YWCA Volunteers will be honored and refreshments will be served.

An exhibit of art work, a fashion show from the Sewing Center, and a demonstration of yoga and slim-nastics will highlight the Parade,

The exhibit will give people an opportunity to sign up for the YWCA's schedule of fall activities as well as enjoy the results of summer. Among

the new programs being offered is "Noon Day Activities," a special lunch time series of discussions and exercise for working women and homemakers.

Also in the works for fall are classes in oil painting, yoga and furniture refinishing. A field trip to Fah-Nee-Ta is planned for September 22nd.



THE FIFTH DIMENSION

5th Dimension: From Aquarius to Star Dancing

In 1965, a little known singing group called The 5th Dimension got together and recorded a song called "Up, Up, and Away," that turned out to be one of the biggest smash hits in music history. The single won four Grammy Awards, the group catapulted to stardom, and their story has been one of success ever since.

Today, the 5th Dimension is one of the most popular singing groups in the world. They have released no less than a dozen hit albums and fourteen gold records, including such blockbuster hits as "Aquarius/Let the Sun Shine In," "One Less Bell to Answer," "Wedding Bell Blues," and "Stoned Soul Picnic" — and

their new Motown album "STAR DANCING" promises to be equally as successful.

They have toured extensively throughout the United States, Europe and the Orient and continue longevity is their upbeat, easy listening sound. The kind of music they generate has a broad-based audience appeal that most other groups haven't quite been able to match. Another reason is that the group has grown and changed with the times, and has adapted their style accordingly.

Today, with three new members, Teri Bryant, Mic Bell, Lou Courtney, plus original members Florence LaRue Gordon and LaMonte

McLemore, the group's current act is an exciting combination of the old and new. "People who come to hear the 5th Dimension expect to hear some of our old hits," says Florence, "so of course they are included, but we have more versatility now — we're more spontaneous."

Preferring to be innovators, not imitators, the group did not jump on the bandwagon of the heavy metal sounds in the 1960's, nor do they intend to jump on the bandwagon of punk-rock in the 1970's. Instead, they have taken the time and effort to carefully cultivate a new sound that is distinctly their own. Together the group has more vocal range than ever — their material is more daring, more varied. On stage the group still performs with the same highly polished professionalism they always did but they are less inhibited, more comfortable, and the results are gratifying.

With such a dynamic new combination of talent and material, and a new album recently released on Motown Records, it looks like the 5th Dimension may once again make music history.

The Fifth Dimension will be appearing at the "Festival of the 60's" at Oregon State University on September 9th.

4-H aids community gardens

There's a good old fashioned "hoe-down" at North Williams and Skidmore in Portland this week, but this one is coming up greens and not roses.

With the help of Urban 4-H youth, the plot of land on this urban Portland corner is being weeded and tended carefully following seeding early this month by members of The Albina Action Center. (TAAC)

Urban 4-H members participated by manning hoes and sharing in the weeding chores.

Cleaning up the garden plot at the Skidmore corner were 4-H members Terrell Jenkins, William Shamsuddin, Royce Hardy, Kimberly Kimmons, Lisa McDonnell and Stephanie Cole.

With them, and also wielding a hoe, was Urban 4-H Director, Ira D. Mumford.

"A hoe in the hand is worth a bushel of greens on this corner" noted Mumford, who urges people of the Albina community to take advantage of the TAAC garden project.

The garden plots are available to the public, announces Rose Taylor, Director of TAAC, who adds that those participating in the program share their harvests with an elderly, low-income or handicapped individual.

Gardeners also agree to harvest only those crops which are assigned by the TAAC garden coordinator. Garden plots can be assigned by Judy Bowek, Coordinator, at the King Neighborhood Facility or TAAC offices, 707 N.E. Knott Street. She can be reached by phone at 288-8345.

The second planting this year will yield a crop of collards, mustard greens, swiss chard and beets. Summer seeding is in progress now. In the spring, fields will be seeded with corn, tomatoes, cucumbers, squash, cabbage and broccoli.

In addition to providing fresh produce to anyone who agrees to the conditions for gardening the land, there is a "gleaning" provision, providing for the gathering of crops that remain in the fields after the harvest.

As far back as Moses' time, gleaning was a means to prevent waste and providing an adequate diet for low-income families.

In 1977, gleaning programs in Oregon provided more than 132 tons of produce that would have been left in Oregon fields.

The TAAC garden project is one of the many endeavors of the Albina Action Agency to improve the community and provide for basic needs. Further information about the program can be obtained by calling Rose Taylor, 288-8345.

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