



Behind the Wall

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CHALMERS JONES APPRECIATION NIGHT

Appreciation may be shown in many different manners and ways, but the beauty of this gift can be heightened when it is displayed in complete sincerity. This gift was recently witnessed behind the walls of this state's largest penitentiary.

Chalmers Jones, a Black man on the Oregon State five member parole board, proudly stood before Joseph Harris, Jr., a Black inmate and the coordinator of the Black Culture organization known as the "Uhuru Club", and accepted a hand made wallet and a plaque displaying his name. These gifts were made for Chalmers Jones and presented in a group effort thanking him for volunteering his services to the Club during the year 1979.

As Jones slowly turned to address the 80 Black inmate members and guests, he was greeted with a standing ovation. This is seldom seen in prisons where Blacks are know become oppressed, but Chalmers Jones had created a rarity himself during the year of 1979. Never before in this nation's penal history, had one man taught an education class in a prison at night and sat as a member of a parole board during the day.

Jones had volunteered endless hours developing a "Black Awareness" class for "Uhuru." A year ago when Black prisoners at OSP were frustrated to the point of rebelling, the executive members of Uhuru turned to Jones for some type of positive solution. Jones, who had spent most of his life working with social programs among Blacks in Oregon who lived their lives under-privileged and disadvantaged, quickly took up the challenge with no questions asked.

After many months of teaching the class himself and furnishing books and material paid for out of his own pocket, Jones was fortunate to acquire the assistance of Jim Cordina, a Black staff member at Willamette University in Salem. Together these two professional Black men gave many of the Black prisoners strength, and wisdom to ease through frustrations -- teaching them how to reach out for Black pride, give Black respect and strive forth for Black knowledge of their culture.

With the increasing Black population rising in Oregon's prisons, Jones recognizes 1980 will not be easy for Blacks in prison with the decreasing age level and the



Parole Board member Chalmers Jones receives commendation from Uhuru president Joe Harris.



Uhuru members meet to nominate new officers for the coming year.



Gloria Fisher accepts award for Portland Observer.

lengthening sentences. He is witnessing their plea for his continuous help in the classroom. At least the Black prisoners belonging to a club

named "Uhuru" express the show of appreciation to Chalmers Jones, a state parole board member.

Report bills

A number of elderly Veterans Administration pensioners may be short changing themselves because they haven't reported all their 1978 medical expenses.

They have only until December 31st to advise VA of these expenses or lose forever pension money to which they are entitled.

The pensioners are primarily veterans or their survivors who chose at the end of 1978 to remain under what is now called the "old" VA pension plan because it was to their advantage to do so. Their pension rates were frozen at the end of the year.

A smaller group of pension recipients chose to switch to a more recent plan which offers higher rates to some pensioners, depending on individual circumstances.

The law permits members of either group to advise VA by the end of 1979 of any previously unreported medical expenses they had during 1978. By taking these bills into account, VA can increase the amount of pension the individual receives.

The fact that approximately 15 percent of the 1.5 million veterans and survivors enrolled in the old pension plan have neglected to report all their medical expenses for the last year was uncovered by a recent survey by the agency.

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Lucid Walls of Time

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FOR DOROTHY

Wait!
The sky is still dark,
The half-moon is still high.
Don't leave yet;
There's still so much to say.

Letters postmarked: Mankato;
I've saved them all year,
Scented with lakes and evergreens
And childly sweets,
Limned with French words
And private jests.

Painful sincerity;
Yet extempore, without passion,
Without chains.
I allowed you
To take me by surprise
And keep me in suspense
For single grains of wisdom.

And I allowed you
To take my hand,
Lead me through some
Effulgent cloud.
I stumbled like a circus clown
Who was dying.
I needed you then
Though I was afraid to say
The words outloud,
Afraid of the sound.

But now I'm free and you fade,
A ghost I've sought out,
A purging mist I've invented,
And grab handfuls of you
To keep in my pocket.
I'll have you live
As long as I live,
And when I die
They'll bury that part of you
With me:
Your photograph smiling
Inside my wallet.

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Love, too, is a prisoner.

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FOLLOW - THROUGH

Knowing Follow-Through Keys is Important

Here are the Follow-Through Keys as requested by some callers, regarding my November statement in the Observer. Over the past month, I have received phone calls asking just what are the keys to **SUCCESS, HAPPINESS, HEALTH, WEALTH, MONEY and RESPECT.**

Some of the callers gave me their opinion as to what they thought the keys should be. None of the callers seemed to understand that life is a succession or order unique to each individual. One person's cure can be another's poison.

First of all, Follow-Through Keys are like a combination lock, there must be an order of understanding before you can make it work. Each individual is as different as their fingerprints in such areas as (1) their actual position in life, relative to others. (2) their age and sex. (3) their personality. (4) their temperament. (5) their total performance ability before learning Follow-Through Keys. (6) their self inspirational and motivational index, reflected from past experiences.

My Follow-Through concept is based upon the simple fact that all things in life and reality are the results of a specific succession or order; and learning how to recognize this fact is like recognizing the correct piece of a puzzle that fits another piece of the same puzzle and then putting them together until the puzzle is complete and going on to the next one.

With this in mind here are the Follow-Through Keys:

Follow-Through Keys to **SUCCESS** are:

Purpose and preparation: one must have a purpose, goal or objective before one can succeed, but, before one can become successful, one must prepare.

Follow-Through Key to **HAPPINESS** is:

Positive Attitude.

Follow-Through Key to **HEALTH** is:

To maintain a balance between spiritual, mental and physical aspects of your life. (as in your purpose and preparation).

Follow-Through Key to **WEALTH** is:

To acquire a product or service that others need or want and learn to manage it to the benefit of yourself and others under strict control. Example (oil, transportation, housing, food, entertainment ect.) (as in your purpose and preparation).

Follow-Through Key to **MONEY** is:

To sell something of value to others, more than to buy from other, (as in your purpose and preparation).

Follow-Through Key to **RESPECT** is:

To recognize your purpose, and perform all of your preparations toward your purpose with Honesty, Truth and most of all consistency, never lie to yourself.

Remember in order to complete anything you must Follow-Through.

Thomas Boothe
Author-Follow-Through Concept.



Castor oil is used as a lubricant in jet planes.

DO YOU NEED HELP?

Is the DEVIL working against your home, nature, job, church, money, children, sex, neighbor, health, sick, family, loved ones? Are there demons on your body or in your home? Have you been in a fix where you cannot keep or find the RIGHT man or woman? If you need help with any or all of these problems you should call me NOW!! Tomorrow may be too late!!! Does your luck pass you by? If so, I have lucky hands to help you be a winner in all GAMES OF CHANCE—Bingo, Reno, Tahoe, Las Vegas, Special, Miami, Fla., etc.

If you are a spiritual seeker who needs help not promises—call me. I am a "God Gifted" man. I can help you in a hurry.

TESTIMONIALS

1) Miss Joyce J.W., Portland, OR., was in a fix where she could not find or keep a good man. I, Rev. Hoskins, removed the fix and the jinx from your body. NOW she can draw the man of her desire to her like a magnet.

2) Mr. & Mrs. C.P. of Compton, CA., could not win the BIG one. They called Rev. Hoskins and Rev. sent them for a sure-win blessing money hand. They went to Las Vegas and their luck kept on coming, winning more than \$16,000.

3) Ms. Barbara T., Inglewood, CA., had a man who left home for another woman. She called Rev. Hoskins with tears in her voice. She wanted him back!! Now he is back and eating out of her hand.

4) Mr. Paul, Los Angeles, CA., was in a fix and rooted by this woman. As a result he lost his nature for other women, but through Rev. Hoskins' work, Paul regained his nature and became luckier than ever with women, money and his business.

5) Mrs. O.I., Long Beach, CA., had demons in her body, and in her home, causing all kinds of bad luck, and unnatural sickness. She called Rev. Hoskins and in 72 hours her home and body were free of unclean spirits.

(The names in the above testimonies have been changed for the protection of the individual.) I guarantee to do what I say I can do. I have a big reputation to protect.

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