

Kwanzaa



(Photos: Richard J. Brown)



Bits & Pieces

by Ruth Spencer

"To endure bad schools and wrong education because the schools are 'mixed' is a costly if not fatal mistake."

W.E.B. DuBois, 1935

Mr. and Mrs. Charles Rawlins and Mr. and Mrs. George Jordan are enjoying the Christmas holidays on a Caribbean cruise.

A study by the Ford Foundation reveals that 64 million Americans can barely read or write.

Zeta Sigma Omega Chapter of Alpha Kappa Alpha Sorority sponsored a formal dance to celebrate its twenty-fourth anniversary on December 29th at the Holiday Inn - Airport.

Mrs. Jean Washington, music teacher at Alameda School, is recovering at Good Samaritan Hospital.

Ronnie Herndon, Co-Chairman of the Black United Front, offered to write a letter of recommendation for Mr. Robert Blanchard, if he resigns immediately.

Warren and Wayne Stanton, teen age sons of Mrs. Connie Stanton, enjoyed a three week holiday with their father in Baltimore.

Karen and John Coleman and their three sons enjoyed the Christmas holidays with Karen's mother and father, Mr. and Mrs. Oscar Haynes.

According to the U.S. Department of Labor the first minimum wage

hour law guaranteed a minimum wage of twenty five cents (25¢). It passed in 1938. The minimum wage, January 1980, is \$3.10.

Mr. and Mrs. Charles Patterson are enjoying the company of their daughter and son-in-law, Dianne and Roman Jones, and their grand daughters, Jennifer and Michelle, from Compton, California.

The NAACP, in its suit against the Hammond, Indiana School District, charged that the district maintained an educationally and psychologically detrimental school system.

Clifford Walker and his daughter Iba are ringing in the New Year with friends in Walla Walla, Washington.

Benjamin Hooks, Executive Director of the NAACP, narrates the television program, "Go Tell It", on Channel 8, Saturdays at 4:30 p.m. "Go Tell It" tells about the top one percent of Blacks in our society who have succeeded and fantasizes how the 99 percent might gain success.

ATTENTION: LOW INCOME FAMILIES Housing Assistance Program Opening

Beginning January 9th, the Housing Authority of Portland will accept applications for the Section 8 Housing Assistance Payment Program from low-income renter families who meet HAPs eligibility requirements for 2, 3, 4, 5 bedroom apartments.

Under the program we pay a portion of your rent based on your income. If you are currently on HAPs conventional waiting list you must make another application specifically for this program. However, you won't lose your place in the conventional list if you apply for this program.

To have your name placed on the waiting list call 249-5534 or 249-5538. We are pledged to the letter and the spirit of US policy for the achievement of equal housing opportunities throughout the nation. We encourage and support an affirmative advertising and marketing program in which there are no barriers to obtaining housing because of race, color, religion, sex, or national origin.

Equal Housing Opportunity

Citizen of the Week

Robert Phillips

Robert Phillips is one of the most politically active young men in the community. Currently he serves as Chairman of the Greater Northeast Police Precinct Council, which acts as advocate for the public in police matters. He is a member of the Citizen City Wide Crime Prevention Committee and has served on the City's Police Budget Advisory Committee.

Phillips is a member of the King Neighborhood Association, a member of the Multnomah County Developmental Disabilities Coordinating Council, the Homemaker Upjohn Advisory Board, the State Health Division Board to Register Social Workers. He is chairman and Oregon's steering committee representative to the National Association of Black Social Workers. He is on the Southwest Senior Task Force on Aging.

He is also an active member of the NAACP, a member of the Urban League of Portland and the Emergency helping Agencies Committee. He has served on the Budget Allocations Committee and the United Survey Committee of United Way.

Phillips was selected one of the nation's Young Men of the Year for 1979.

Phillips is a native of Portland, a graduate of Jefferson High School and Oregon State University. He earned a Master of Social Work degree at Portland State University. He is currently Service Coordinator for the State Adult and Family Services Division, responsible for planning, program development, and coordination of social service programs for adults in Multnomah County.

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