



Harriet Taylor sings Gospel.

(Photo: Thomas G. Golden)

Gospel singer tells history

By Nathaniel Scott

If one would take the time to look, he or she would find many things denoting Black culture and Black History in Portland; such cultural and historical things as the slave communication network system.

Harriet Taylor, mother of a son and daughter, employed by the Portland Public Schools, graduate of Oakwood College in Huntsville, Alabama and holder of a B.S. degree in Home Economics from Oregon State, is also a singer and dispenser of Black culture and Black history in Portland.

Recently at a recital, where she appeared in concert with Dr. Carl Parker, a Portland Community College Career Specialist, she did something she is thinking about making as part of her reportory.

Taylor, a religious singer, gave a brief history of slavery and sung the song "Steal Away" without musical accompaniment. She said, "I am thinking about doing an acapella in each of my recitals, so people can get the feel of how the songs were sung. I know that when the slaves were out in the fields, that they wanted to express themselves in some way, and they had to do it through music, because they were limited in what they could talk

about. But they could sing and the boss or overseer thought they were happy.

Sing songs and point the way to freedom; tell about the underground railroad system; give word to loved ones and friends; and give strength to those who thought they were fighting a lost cause. Of this Taylor says, "Songs like Steal Away, Swing Low Sweet Chariot, and others expressed the depths of their hearts, the natural inclination to be free, and put them in closer contact with their religious beliefs."

Her job for the public schools is training and working with parent groups, under the federal program Title One.

In addition, "A very important part of the program is parental involvement, helping to plan the program, helping to see that the program is carried out, and even more important, to see that a better program is set up for the next school year."

She emphasized the need for more parental involvement and said, "The program is a community program at about sixty-three schools in Portland, including some non-public schools, and it is for all parents who are interested in the education of children."

Harriet Taylor, a Black woman working for the betterment of the whole.

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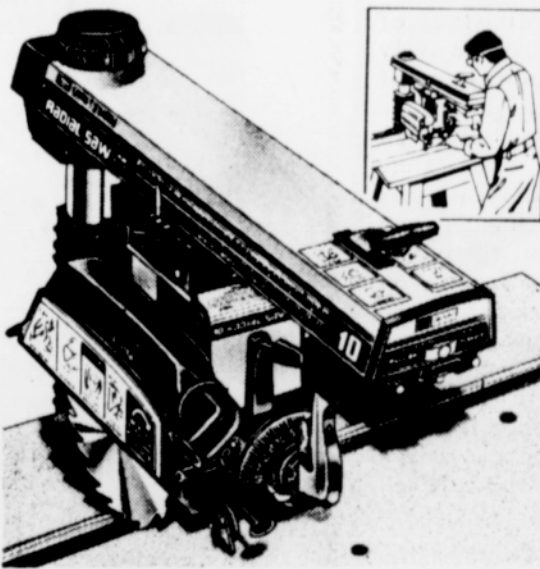
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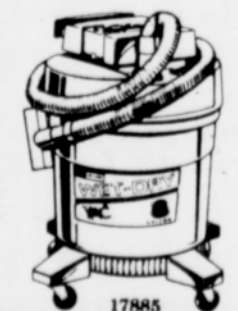


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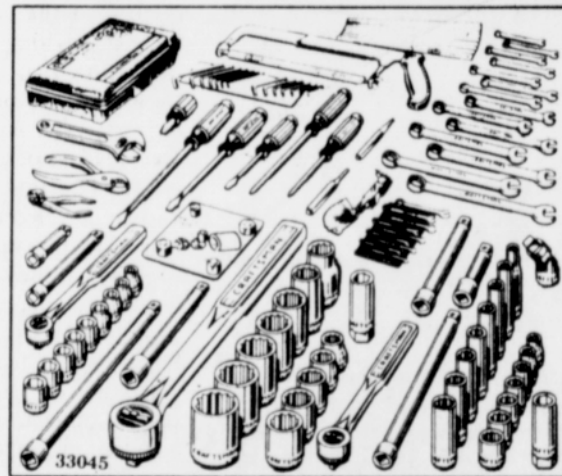
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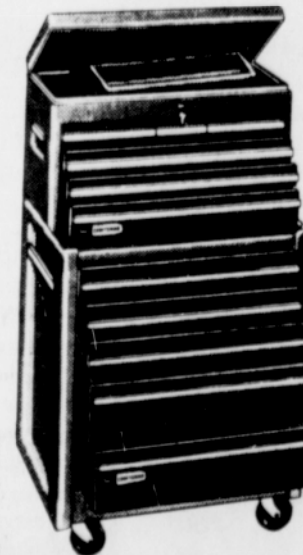
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In the last century, oddly enough, most people used the expression "Happy Christmas" instead of "Merry Christmas." But whichever way it's said, we extend joyous holiday greetings to you.

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