



Members of the Talking Drum Dance Troupe performed for inmates at Oregon State Penitentiary.



Stephane Prigent and Malaka Gates and their teachers, Steve Rosenfeld and Diane Kuther, proudly pose with certificates awarded the winners of a U.S. National Bank sponsored coloring contest.

A beautiful and tasty Christmas cake was a welcome consolation prize to those who did not win: Michelle Hollinquest, Terrance Dickens, Felicia Luckett and Lonzo Murphy.

(Photos by: Richard Brown)



Asmar Abdul Seifullah, President of the OSP Uhuru Club with Dedan Young holding the Red, Black and Green flag.



Ayanna Edwards demonstrates dancing ability.



Steve Allen visits with Al-Yasha Shamsudin.

Members of Oregon State Penitentiary's Uhuru Club enjoyed a pre-Christmas party Friday night.

Among the performers were the Maranatha Adult Choir lead by Vivian Parker, along with soloists Wanda Warren and Odessa Mangum.

The Talking Drum Dance group with twelve young Black children aged five through eleven, dressed in African gowns, stole the show as they performed authentic African dances. The group is directed by Loryne Young, Donita Andrew and Malaika Askari.

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Maranatha School Choir sings

By Kathryn Hall Bogle

"Christ is Born" is the beloved message.

Children of Maranatha Christian School sing "Oh Little Town of Bethlehem" and spell out the Christmas message: "Christ is Born." The children are "The Miracles" choir formed as the youngest choir group among several at Maranatha church at 1222 N.E. Skidmore Street. The message is proclaimed throughout the world.

These children are day students at Maranatha which is committed, according to the Rev. Mr. John W. Garlington, Jr., to "train up a child in the way he should go and when he is old, he will not depart from it." The pastor quotes from the Bible's Deuteronomy-Six and Proverbs 22:6. The school, he says, employs Christian teachers and staff, most of them members of Maranatha.

The school was founded in 1978 and uses the Alpha Omega curriculum. "Each student is tested

at enrollment and is placed in materials designed to fit his needs. Student establish their daily goals and these are checked regularly to be sure of accomplishment," states Pastor Garlington.

Since 1978 Maranatha has achieved an enrollment of 56 students from kindergarten through grade eight. They anticipate an enrollment of 70 students by next year. Hereine Minor is teacher for the Miracles. Robert Licht is superintendent of the school. (Please see picture, Section II)



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