

## Bits and Pieces by Ruth Spencer

**The Reverend and Mrs. Elonza J. Edwards** were feted at a Welcome Reception, Sunday, September 26, 1982, in the Fellowship Hall of the Allan Temple C.M.E. Church.

**Neighbors of Woodcraft** is announcing a new program to help Oregonians in planning and financing their children's college education while the children are still in junior high/high school. The organization has set aside \$15,000,000 for this purpose and will guarantee low-interest student loans for up to \$15,000 for qualified individuals.

For further information about the benefits of this low-interest, Guaranteed Student Loan Program, contact the Neighbors of Woodcraft in Portland at 224-3525.

**The Reverend T. J. Jemison** of Baton Rouge, La., was elected president of the National Baptist Convention, U.S.A., Inc., defeating **Dr. Joseph H. Jackson** who held the position since 1953.

The National Baptist Convention, U.S.A., Inc., is reported to have a membership of 6.5 million with over

30,000 congregations.

The Family Education Rights and Privacy Act of 1974 requires that all educational institutions that receive federal funds must afford parents of students under 18 years of age (or an 18-year-old student) the right to inspect and review the educational records kept by the school system on the student; the right to challenge or request the removal or modification of materials felt to be inaccurate, misleading or inappropriate; the right to limit the number and type of individual who will be able to see the student's records; the right to receive a list of those individuals who have been permitted by school officials to see a student's records; the right to be notified every time a student's records are turned over to a court by judicial order or subpoena; and the right to be informed by school officials of the provision of this act.

According to State School Superintendent **Vern Duncan**, "Unemployment chased thousands of families out of Oregon this year, giving out schools our biggest student loss



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in history—nearly 8,500." "We had predicted steady growth for the 1980s, because of a sharp increase in the number of Oregon births since 1973. But fewer Oregon jobs mean fewer Oregon students," said Supt. Duncan.

**Dr. Matthew W. Prophet** will be the guest speaker at **Allan Temple C.M.E. Church's** Annual Day of Lay Activities, Sunday, October 10, 1982, 5 pm.

**Mr. Walter Mitchell** is the Lay Activities President. **The Reverend Elonza Edwards** is pastor.

The public is invited.

**The Affirmative Action Program of the Oregon State Bar** invites all interested persons to a **Minority Law Day** at Lewis & Clark College, Saturday, Oct. 28, 1982. This is a chance to get facts on minorities and the legal profession from those who know first hand.

**Loretta Thompson Glickman**, mayor of Pasadena, is the nation's first black woman mayor of a city with a population exceeding 100,000. (There are 27 other black women mayors in the U.S., most of them in small predominantly black towns in the south.)

Mrs. Glickman held the office of city director and served as vice-mayor before being elected mayor.

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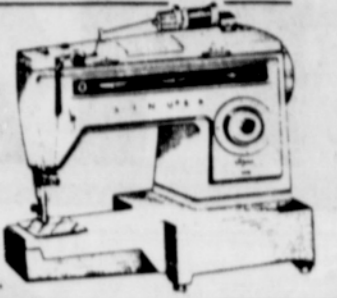
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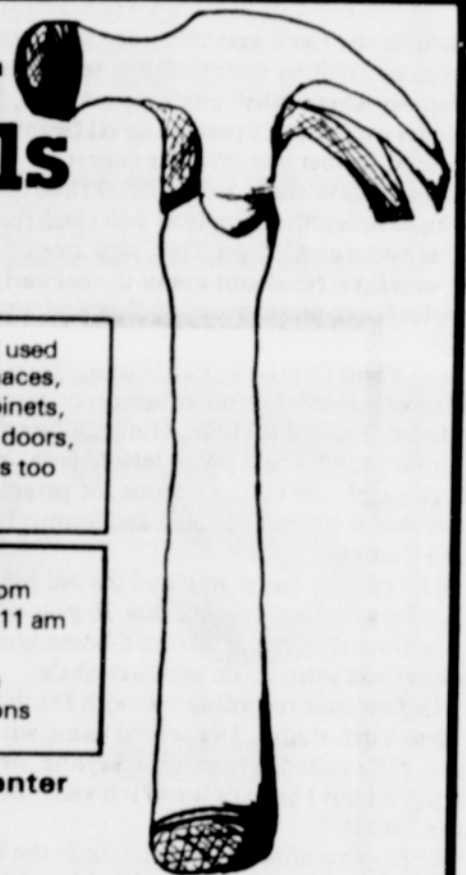
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## Civil defense meet draws protest

"Everybody's going to make it if there are enough shovels to go around. Dig a hole, cover it with a couple of doors, and then throw three feet of dirt on top. It's the dirt that does it."

—T.K. Jones  
Deputy Undersecretary of Defense  
1982

The controversy over the Reagan \$4.2 billion civil defense program will come to Portland October 11th with the national conference of the U.S. Civil Defense Council.

For many years the people of the world have known that a nuclear war would mean the end of mankind. In the United States, the possibility of winning a nuclear war and surviving has been a frequent topic of official discussion. Since the advent of the Reagan administration, talk about winning a "protracted nuclear war" has increased and planning for the possibility of such a war has begun.

"A close look at the facts shows with fair certainty that with reasonable protective measures, the United States could

survive a nuclear attack and go on to recovery within a relatively few years."

—Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA), 1981

The Reagan administration appears to be convinced that nuclear war can be won and is making detailed preparations, hoping that the leadership, economic system and some of the population will survive. The first step is to prepare the American people for nuclear war so they will not be frightened and cannot be intimidated into a surrender. With a fearless population the U.S. can intimidate the Soviet Union and maneuver for military advantage. The civil defense plan is an effort to make the American people feel secure, believing they can outlive a nuclear holocaust.

The structure of the administration's civil defense plan is:

- Crisis relocation: relocating 150 million people from 400 target sites prior to an attack.
- Fallout protection: construction of millions of shelters to house the entire population.
- Blast shelters: provide shelters

for four million essential workers at their work sites to protect against direct effects of a nuclear explosion. Workers would commute to keep industries working.

•Industrial protection: dismantle, disperse and bury machinery so after an attack they could be reassembled.

•Continuity of government: provide government officials with facilities and duplicate government records to ensure survival of the U.S. government. Protect presidential successors.

FEMA was scheduled to participate in several workshops during the Civil Defense conference scheduled in Portland for October 11th through 14th. When a representative of the Physicians for Social Responsibility was added to an October 12th workshop—one of four workshops at that hour—FEMA withdrew from the conference. FEMA—the agency responsible for promoting and implementing civil defense planning—had been scheduled to address the entire conference for 90 minutes and to participate in many workshops.

The conference will go on—over the protests of the Civil Defense Through Disarmament Ad Hoc Committee which states that "Not only is nuclear war civil defense planning a waste of tax money that should go to badly needed human services and creation of employment; it also in fact increases the likelihood of nuclear war's occurring in the first place."

The Ad Hoc Committee will picket the conference at the Red Lion Hotel. For information please call 230-0346.

## Blacks lose home ownership

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decreased by 11 per cent and whites increased by 11 per cent.

Sabin's black households who own their homes decreased by 23 per cent; white households who own their homes increased by 8 per cent. Of those homes in Irvington that are owner-occupied, blacks lost by 1 per cent and whites gained by 1 per cent.

Black households who own their homes dropped by 11 per cent in Vernon, and whites who own their homes increased by 7 per cent. The percentages of owner-occupied homes in Vernon that are owned by blacks increased by 16 per cent.

In Woodlawn, black households that own their homes decreased by 27 per cent while whites who own their homes increased by 16 per cent. Blacks gained by 1 per cent their ownership of owner-occupied homes in Woodlawn.

The study found that white households made their largest gains in ownership in predominantly black neighborhoods. The higher percentage of black households that were owner-occupied in 1970, the greater the loss by 1980.

The study also found changes in the poverty level in the neighborhoods studied. Boise had a 1 per

cent increase; Eliot, 3 per cent increase; Humboldt, 8 per cent increase; Irvington, 2 per cent decrease; King, 2 per cent decrease; Sabin, 5 per cent decrease; Vernon, 3 per cent decrease; Woodlawn, 5 per cent decrease. The greatest increases in families below the poverty level were in Kerns, 10 per cent, and Northwest, Lair Hill, Foster-Powell, Creston Kenilworth, all with 8 per cent increases.

The purpose of the study was to determine how the use of federal Housing and Community Development funds on home rehabilitation affects the character of neighborhoods. Slightly more than half of Portland's grant money has been used for owner-occupied home rehabilitation. Portland has received HCD funds since 1975, and during the years 1970-1975 provided rehabilitation in the Model Cities neighborhoods through Model Cities funds.

Findings of the preliminary analysis are:

1) Expenditures for housing rehabilitation tend to slow the trend toward decrease in the percentage of homeowners who are black.

2) White householders clearly gained access to homeownership in Portland's black community. Data indicates that rehabilitation expenditures may have facilitated this development.

3) Housing rehabilitation expenditures are related to changes in the percentage of families at a below poverty level.

4) The housing crisis of the mid-to-late 1970s had a much greater impact on black householders than on white householders.

The study points to the need for a re-evaluation of the expenditure of HCD funds, particularly since the

amount of funds will decrease and local control increase under the new Reagan block grant concept.

The study could not be completed because of lack of funds and the closing of the Institute for Oregon Policy Studies. However, the researchers identified the following areas that require further examination:

1) Data on the distribution of home rehabilitation loans by race could be examined along with tracking sales/resales of those homes.

2) The relationship between availability of rehabilitation funding and the increase in white ownership at the expense of black ownership needs to be evaluated.

3) If rehabilitation of dwellings enhances their value and upgrades a neighborhood at the expense of housing opportunities for the poor, housing rehabilitation without safeguards is of questionable value. This is one of the most important issues related to community development programs and the distribution of costs and benefits of their programs.

4) Differences between housing conditions in the white and black communities and glaring discrepancies in opportunities, suggests re-evaluation of HCD efforts in Portland is required.

5) More attention needs to be given to the effects of HCD programs on housing patterns and the social consequences of spatial distribution of social groups within the urban area.

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