

# RELIGION

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## RELIGION UPDATE

by Dee Armstrong

Hosanna Community Choir under the direction of Alfred Taylor, visited the city of Portland Sunday, July 7, at Maranatha Church during their evening service to minister in music.

Hosanna Gospel Community Choir united during the spring of 1983 by founder Alfred Taylor who has now reached one goal, "to direct his own gospel choir," reported *The Facts* publication in their June 12 issue. Alfred has amassed considerable accomplishments in his career to date, including a varied history of performance as a vocalist, songwriter, arranger and musician. Because of Alfred's powerfully fiery, energetically sweeping choral conducting style, he has earned the title of "Dean of Directors" among gospel circles.

The Seventh Biennial Meeting of The American Baptist Churches were held June 25-29 at the Memorial Coliseum here in Portland. Guest speakers were Margaret Prine, Gustavo Parajon, Joan Parajon, Marvin McMickle, Cardinal Bernardin, Gerhard Claas, Kenneth Parker, Paul Nagano, Prathia Wynn and Domingo Diel.

The major topics were Peace Forum, "War/Peace and Global Concerns." A statement of concern on "The Quality of Public Education in America" and joblessness among American youth, the feminization of property, the sexual abuse of children, and chemical abuse.

An estimated 5,800 American Baptist Churches attended the meeting to elect the denomination's national officers. Cardinal Joseph Bernardin, archbishop of Chicago was the featured speaker. His subject was "Peace during a session in which the denomination will present its national peace award." Cardinal Bernardin said he was "touched that our fraternity in the Lord Jesus offers us an opportunity to dialogue on so crucial a topic as the issues of war and peace facing the entire human community today."

This week's UPDATE with food for thought: "Know ye that the Lord He is God; it is he that hath made us, and not we ourselves; we are His people, and the sheep of his pasture." — Psalms 100:3.

The Reading Tree at Irving Park got off to a booming start as 130 children ranging in ages 3 to 14 registered the first day, July 1, 1985. This program is beginning its 14th year at the park and is fast becoming a permanent fixture in the park during the summer. Along with the regular staff, volunteers come daily or as often as they can.

The Reading Tree has established a long record of service to young people and parents in the community at large. The Reading Tree provides instructional activities and exciting games for children of all ages. There are activities in phonics, storytelling, games, songs and opportunities for children to select books of their choice to take home to read and share with others. The Reading Tree is successful because the children want to read and learn.

Each year the program gets better. More children participate, parents get more active and the community develops greater appreciation for the positive work being done for their children.



The summer staff includes three trained adults, B. Anderson, director; Kitty Anthony, Laura Ford and seven youth workers from the Portland Private Industry, Tonja Williams, James Broadus, Hung Nguyen, Laverne Ballard, Heidi Durrow and, not shown, DeShawn Pennington and Manuel Roura.



One of the staff members, Mrs. Ford, is working with three youngsters. Two of the children just came to Portland from Pakistan and had little or no knowledge of the English language. They are learning the sounds and simple words helping them communicate and follow simple directions.



Mrs. Anderson is preparing the children to enjoy the story she is about to read to this enthusiastic group. (Photos: Matt Mindolovich)



Todd Hamilton, 8, is sharing his book with two of his friends, Phillip and Princess.

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## H. R. Webster funeral held

Funeral services for Herbert R. Webster were held Monday, July 8 at Williams Temple Church of God in Christ. Mr. Webster died July 2, 1985 at the age of 101 at the Care West Nursing Home.

Mr. Webster was born April 8, 1884 in Atlanta, Texas, where he worked as a sharecropper until 1944. Then, upon moving to Los Angeles, California, he was employed as a gardener until the age of 84. Upon retirement in 1969, he moved to Portland.

He was a faithful member of Williams Temple Church of God in Christ for 16 years. He was a member of the Senior Choir and enjoyed keeping the church clean and the

lawn looking beautiful until his health failed. He was also a Deacon in the Church of God in Christ for 63 years, always supporting the church and sharing with others. After his retirement he enjoyed visiting the sick in the hospital and convalescent homes.

Mr. Webster is survived by two sons: O. L. and Willis of Atlanta, Texas; four daughters: Leola Lawson, Lula Mae Cook, Melvina Giles, and Opal Johnson, all of Portland; one brother, Jay Bennett of Atlanta, Texas; one sister, Loonie Booth of Dallas, Texas; 29 grandchildren, 73 great-grandchildren, and 31 great-great-grandchildren.

Interment was at Rose City Cemetery.

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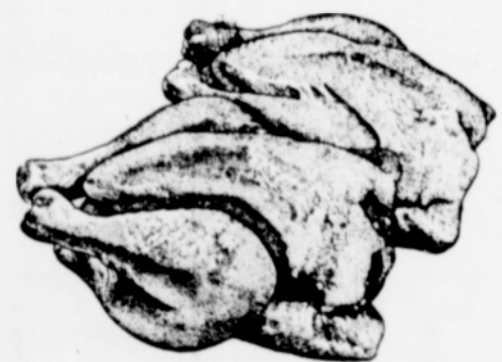
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