

The Wedding of Christopher Warner and Anita Williams

The Holiday Inn (airport) was the beautiful June wedding setting for Christopher Warner and Anita Williams June 7th at 1:00p.m. The ceremony was held on the terrace beautifully decorated with lavender flowers and candles with the huge fountain in the background.

The couple was married by the groom's father, Bishop Felton Warner, and a close friend, Bishop A. A. Wells.

The bride's gown was designed by Mrs. Evelyn Richardson, wife

of the assistant pastor of Emmanuel Temple Church. The dress was ivory satin and lace with a pearl-accented veil which was trimmed in ivory satin.

The eleven bridesmaids wore lavender chiffon handkerchief dresses and lavender shoes. A beautiful lavender halo was the final touch of beauty.

The four flower girls wore ivory lace floor-length dresses and lavender gloves.

The groom wore an ivory tux



with tails, lavender cummerbund and tie.

The groom was accompanied by eleven escorts with black tuxes and lavender cummerbuns.

During the ceremony, the couple sang "Dedicated," with the wedding party as background. This was the highlight of the wedding. Reception followed at the hotel.

Mrs. Williams' grandfather, who was 103, attended the wedding as well as many close friends and relatives.

The couple spent their honeymoon in Canada.

The wedding was coordinated by Rosemary Daniele, principal of Abernethy School.

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Joblessness Becoming National Crisis

by Jerry Garner

Recently released labor department figures revealed that more than 8 million Americans were officially unemployed in April, 1986. Over 39 percent of them were under the age of 25.

In fact, the joblessness rate for 16-19 year olds rose dramatically from 18 percent to 19.6 percent in April, an increase of 127,000 teens.

As predictable, unemployment rate for Black youths was the highest. Nationwide, Black youth joblessness is 42.6 percent.

John Rakowitz, Public Relations Director for the Portland Private Industry Council, Inc., said joblessness among youth nationwide has reached epidemic proportions. "The problem of youth joblessness is a national problem and is getting worse all the time. Unless the schools, the business community, and state and local officials all come together in an effort to solve this problem, we will see the consequences in the future."

Rakowitz said youth joblessness will transcend into economic problems in the future. He points to a recent report released by the National Alliance of Businessmen entitled, "Employment Policies into the year 2000." The report states that unless young people get the entry level job training, they will become useless in the labor market.

"Years ago when a kid dropped out of school, he/she could get a job working at the same place of a family member. Back then, that was the case, because of production jobs. Today we are in a service economy. Unless a kid has social and public relation skills, they won't make it in a service economy," said Rakowitz.

Rakowitz's assessment can be seen in labor bureau statistics. Although 9.4 million jobs have been created since the trough of the 1982 recession in November, teenagers who represent nearly 19 percent of the unemployed have received only 1 percent of all new jobs during this period. In fact, teenage population declined by 12.9 percent between 1979 and 1985, however, the number of employed teens fell by 20.4 percent.

Rakowitz said teen joblessness in Portland is higher because of the depressed economy. He said 42 percent of all minority youth are unemployed in Portland, and 53 percent of Black youth are out of jobs.

Portland Private Industry Council provides funding for organizations to offer youth job training and employment opportunities. The Council operates a Youth Employment Institution (YEI) which provides additional training and job placement for youth year round.



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