

# NATIONAL

## 'FIELD TO FACTORY'

Detroit, Dec. 16/PRNewswire/ -- "Field to Factory: Afro-American Migration, 1915-1940," will open at the Museum of African American History on Saturday, January 14, 1995. It will continue through Sunday, May 28, 1995.

The photopanel exhibition, which includes oral histories and personal artifacts, was donated to the Museum by the Smithsonian Institution.

Hundreds of thousands of Africans, between the years of 1915 and 1940, made the courageous decision to leave the South and move to the Urban North to seek a better life. This mass exodus, in search of better wages, educational opportunities, and more equitable treatment is known as the Great Migration. It led to the emergence of large, predominantly black, urban enclaves in the North. This phenomenon changed the lives of migrants and the structure of American society.

The exhibition has three sections: Life in the South, The Journey North, and the New Northern Urban World.

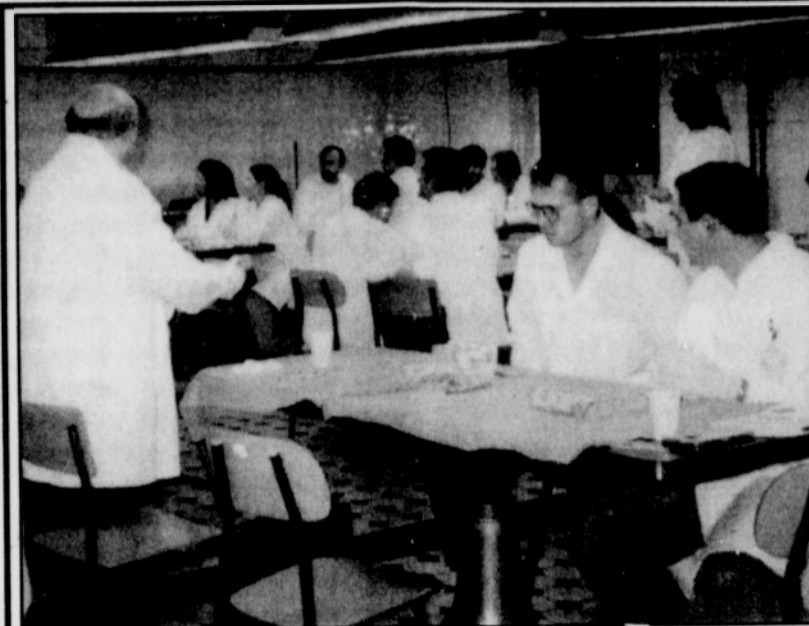
The first section of the exhibition focuses on black southern home and family life at the turn-of-the-century. Life was a deadening round of sharecropping and debt, a lack of economic opportunity, and a poor educational system. The African American in the south was dominated by "Jim Crow Laws" and segregation, which offered little hope of equality.

World War I ushered a new era of industrial opportunity in the North. As production demands increased, Northern industrialists turned to Southern blacks. The promise of jobs and better wages persuaded thousands of blacks to head north, by train, bus, automobile and even ship. The word of these new possibilities was spread by newspaper ads in the Black press, labor recruiters traveling through the South, and through letters from individuals who had previously migrated. The North was in fact, the promised land to many Southern African Americans. The major northern benefactors of the great escape were Chicago, Kansas (City), Detroit and Washington, D.C.

The second part of the exhibition illustrates how migrants changed Northern cities. It portrays the lures of Northern opportunity and traces the journey through the accounts of three individuals.

The final section of "Field to Factory" focuses on the new lives of the migrants in the North. Not everyone who made the move found happiness, and some even returned to the South. This installation will be supplemented by the contextual association of the Detroit legacy. Special guided tours will be conducted during the exhibition.

Museum hours are from 9:30 a.m. until 5:00 p.m., Wednesday through Saturday, 1:00 p.m. until 5:00 p.m. on Sunday. The Museum of African American History, 313-833-9800.



A Portland surgeon works with student physicians in a laboratory session in the former Yugoslavia.

## PORTLAND DOCTOR COMPLETES MISSION

Portland surgeon, Dr. Tom D. Wang, has just returned from a week-long humanitarian mission in Croatia as part of a five surgeon team. These doctors, members of the American Academy of Facial Plastic and Reconstructive Surgery, operated on dozens of children in the former Yugoslavia. The patients, most of them victims of the ongoing conflict, suffer from post-traumatic disfigurement including blast wounds from grenades or injuries from high velocity bullets. Among the many procedures performed were eyelid and upper facial skin replacements, nasal reconstructions, craniofacial anomalies and maxillary defects.

The American delegation operated alongside their Croatian counterparts in a Zagreb hospital exchanging information and operating techniques.

"This was one of those rare opportunities to help those truly in need and to know that your efforts enable children to lead more normal and fulfilling lives," Wang said.

The AAFPRS is the world's largest association of plastic and reconstructive surgeons. Members of the Academy must be board-certified surgeons.

## Furse Opposes Clinton

Rep. Elizabeth Furse, D-Ore. is speaking out against President Clinton for calling for a \$25 billion increase in defense spending.

"It is irresponsible to initiate new spending, which will either add to the deficit or rob other programs," Furse said, in a letter to the President. "I am appalled that you would suggest this increase at a time when our schools are deteriorating, people are hungry, the number of homeless Americans continues to grow and our economic infrastructure is still reeling from the excesses of the Reagan military build-up."

"My constituents are hurting. We are in greater danger of

civil war on our streets than we are of international conflict if we don't meet the needs of our citizens.

"Additional funding for readiness, quality of life enhancements and pay raises can be and should be paid for by reducing excessive force structure, ending procurement of unnecessary Cold War weapons systems and eliminating waste in the Pentagon budget," Furse said.

Currently, 54 percent of the federal discretionary budget is spent on the military. Furse is calling on Clinton to immediately reconsider the new spending initiative.

# HEALTH

## Pets Need Cold Weather Care

Cold, windy and icy conditions can be expected during the winter months. And while people are taking precautions to keep their homes warm and to drive safely the family pet needs to be considered, too.

Oregon Humane Society officials say animals who live outdoors are particularly at-risk during cold weather.

Outside pets need shelter, warm, dry blankets and extra help-

ings of food to help them fight off the effects of the cold. Frequent checks of the pet's water bowl are also important.

The humane society recommends that people with outdoor pets bring them indoors whenever possible during frigid weather, especially at night. A garage or laundry room, carefully checked for poisonous substances such as anti-freeze, can provide temporary shelter for animals

not used to being indoors.

The society's dog population is presently at capacity. There are 77 dogs and puppies in need of homes. The cat population is also quite high at this time.

Anyone interested in a pet should visit the shelter at 1067 N.E. Columbia Blvd. in Portland from 11 a.m. to 7 p.m. Monday through Friday and 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. on Saturday and Sunday.

## Humane Society Population Explodes

A huge influx of dogs at the Oregon Humane Society is being attributed to the cold, stormy weather. The onset of winter weather is typically a time when the society receives an increased number of unwanted animals, particularly dogs.

"What makes this year bad is we are still full of cats due to the prolonged kitten season. We are still receiving 30 to 60 animals a day for adoption and we are already full," said Sharon Harmon, society

operations director.

There are presently 76 dogs and 163 cats waiting for homes with many kennels housing two or more dogs to accommodate the demand for space.

The Oregon Humane Society asks that people interested in making a dog or cat part of their family come to the shelter at 1067 N.E. Columbia Blvd. in Portland and look at the large selection of animals waiting for homes.

The society also asks that if people can wait a week or more to bring

their pet to the shelter to do so though no animal will be turned away. The society has information on pet placement for those who need to find a new home for their pet. The society also has gift certificates for those wishing to give the gift of love.

Potential adopters are urged to visit the shelter or call for information at 285-7722, extension 215. Visiting hours are 11 a.m. to 7 p.m., Monday through Friday and 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. Saturday and Sunday.

## Senior Program Serves

Washington County residents can get help and information with Medicare and private insurance claims from 14 new volunteers joining the ranks of Oregon's Senior Health Insurance Benefits Assistance program.

About 200 volunteers statewide provide insurance information, counseling and assistance to medical beneficiaries including claims filing assistance, policy comparisons and referrals to appropriate state and federal agencies.

In Washington County, consumers who need the help can call the Washington County Department of Aging at 640-3489. In other parts of the state, consumers can call toll-free 1-800-722-4134.

## Hospital Receives Top Rating

In a recent study, Providence Milwaukie Hospital was named one of the top 100 hospitals in the nation.

The 100 Top Hospitals - Benchmarks for Success study is conducted annually by HCIA, the industry's most comprehensive source of health care information, and Health Care Provider Consulting practice of Mercer, a leading international management consulting firm. The 1994 study identifies the nation's best-performing general acute care hospitals on the basis of objective criteria from the 1993 Medicare cost report and discharge data. To qualify, hospitals had to rank above their peers on eight measures of effectiveness and efficiency in clinical practice, operations and financial management.

The measures indicate high value to customers through effective use of resources, efficient provision of care and high quality outcomes.

According to a letter from HCIA and Mercer, the benchmarks set by "hospitals like Providence Milwaukie Hospital can be immense value to other institutions - striving to improve performance." For example, if all the hospitals in the U.S. could perform at the benchmark levels demonstrated by the top 100, the results for the health care industry would be dramatic:

Expenses would decline by \$21 billion. Average length of stay would drop by more than a day. Mortality rates would drop by 17 percent and complication rates by 14 percent. Hospital charges would decline by \$42 billion.

## Associations Are Part of Everyday Life

(NU) - Did you know that seven out of 10 adult Americans belong to at least one association or group? Incredibly, local associations — and their members — touch your life almost every day.

How? Here are a few examples:  
 • The flowers you send when your sweetheart's out of town are probably arranged and delivered by a member of FTD (Florists Transworld Delivery Association), the organization that coordinates transactions between the florists who take orders and the ones who deliver them.

• When you bought your house, chances are a member of the National Association of Realtors handled the transaction. The association sets professional standards for real estate agents, sponsors continuing education programs and more.

• When your daughter joins the Girl Scouts, she becomes part of an organization 3.5 million members strong. Like most associations, the benefits of membership include opportunities to learn and making new friends.

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