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Central Area Senior Center - A United Way Beneficiary



Geraldine Samuels (right) and Lenora Sellers at the Central Area Senior Center.

Geraldine Samuels (right), director of the Central Area Senior Center, at 500 30th Avenue South, Seattle, helped Lenora Sellers make a selection from articles in the Center's gift shop. The Center, one of six which receives United Way funds, opened last October.

Services offered at the Center include a daily hot meal, recreational, educational and social activities. Health and nutritional information is available and a visiting nurse provides foot care and blood-pressure checks. The Center is open to persons 60 years and older living in the area stretching from the Lake Washington Ship Canal to McClellan Street and from First Hill east to Lake Washington.

FACTS Features Work Of Young Cartoonists



Samuel Green (left), son of Mr. and Mrs. Sam Green, Jr. of 32nd St. E., and Leon Anglin (right) son of Mr. and Mrs. Robert Betton of 26th Ave. E., are cartoonists from Jane Addams.

For the past few weeks THE FACTS has been featuring the work of two young cartoonists who are students at Jane Addams Jr. High. Their cartoon strips reflect the irrepressible high spirits and whacky sense of fun of the teen years.

The strip "Pugi" is about a wise-cracking dude who keeps laying verbal stingers on his classmates. The strip's creator is Leon Anglin, who is a ninth grader with a fondness for painting, drawing and sports. Leon says that he wants to go to college, "...so I can become a very famous Black artist. But for right now I'm drawing cartoons as a start-er," he adds.

"Chucky Smith and the Walnut Gang" is the brain child of Samuel Green, who is also a student at Jane Addams, and incidentally, a dead ringer for Michael Jackson. Green's Chucky is another master of the wise-crack and his creator would also like to become a professional cartoonist. Samuel attends the free art classes at the Langston Hughes Center. His other interest is playing the drums in the church band at Shilo Church of God in Christ. He has a Seattle TIMES paper route and rides a mini-bike. Samuel says he draws cartoons for THE FACTS "...to get a jump on other young artists."

THE HON. WALLACE D. MUHAMMAD'S 'STATE OF THE NATION' ADDRESS TO BE BROADCAST ON CLOSED CIRCUIT TV



The Honorable Wallace D. Muhammad speaks to the nation in his "State of the Nation" address during the annual observance of Saviour's Day which is celebrated by the Muslims of the Lost-Found Nation of Islam in the West. The date is February 29, 1976.

In the past, Saviour's Day was commemorated annually on February 26, but the date was moved up this year by the new leader who has inherited the task of pioneering new concepts and changes in the Nation of Islam in the West.

Chief Minister W.D. Muhammad is the "Man of the Hour" to all who aspire to the Islamic truth he teaches. The Chief Minister is guiding with a new light (knowledge) to lead the people out of the dark age of antiquated knowledge to a greater understanding than that envisioned by most scholars.

If you will notice, throughout the city there are posters both large and small, bumper stickers, and tickets being distributed to rally public attention to this exciting live telecast on the giant screen at PARAMOUNT NORTHWEST THEATRE, 901 Pine Street in Seattle.

Mr. Muhammad's ability to introduce change has begun to create a kind of renaissance among all people. For this reason, Bilalians (Blacks) especially are eagerly awaiting the coming event on February 29.

Girls Club Teen Group Plans Round Of Activities



Leader of Teenage Group, Mrs. Cheryl G. Filgo heads activities.

The teen group participated in Black History Week. They attended the excellent program at the Langston Hughes Center. Later in the week they heard Ralph Hayes speak at the Douglass Truth Library. His topic was the history of Blacks in Seattle.

Immunization Survey of Two-Year-Olds Begins

OLYMPIA -- Parents of 766 two-year-olds throughout the state will receive Immunization Questionnaires from the Department of Social and Health Services this week.

John A. Beare, M.D., director of the Health Services Division, said today that questionnaires will be mailed February 2 to parents of children randomly selected from Washington State birth records of January and February 1974.

These children were selected out of the 7,745 babies born during that period to provide a statistically valid sample if immunization levels in this age group.

Beare said the purpose of the survey is to assist in planning future immunization programs by showing how immunization levels may relate to age group and population. He urged parents to check with their physicians and/or local health department records in order to complete the questionnaires accurately.

Return envelopes with postage prepaid are included with the questionnaires. Parents who have not yet secured all of the recommended immunizations for their two-year-olds are urged to return the questionnaires along with those who have completed the series. Follow-ups at two-week intervals will be scheduled if necessary to assure completion of the survey.



Fitzgerald Beaver

Right On...

FROM THE

PUBLISHER'S PEN

I SHALL PASS THIS WAY BUT ONCE THEREFORE ANY GOOD THAT I CAN DO OR ANY KINDNESS THAT I CAN SHOW LET ME DO IT NOW FOR I SHALL NOT PASS THIS WAY AGAIN.

The commentary below first appeared in the February edition of the magazine View Northwest.

Guest commentary

Let me say this...

By Fitzgerald Beaver

What can Black Americans do to celebrate 200 years of existence that can be looked upon as a shining moment for the next generation to see?

To anyone who has studied history, and especially Black history, it is easy to understand why Black people have such mixed emotions about celebrating the events of the last 200 years. Ninety of those 200 years were spent in slavery, and the remaining 110 years were spent in varying degrees of semi-slavery. American police forces have meant protection for Whites and humiliation for Blacks; labor unions have meant job security for Whites and tokenism and cheap labor exploitation for Blacks; the government's promise of equal opportunity has meant first class citizenship for Whites but spineless enforcement for Blacks; housing has meant shelter for Whites and tip-offs and high rise ghettos for Blacks.

A significant number of Blacks and other minorities are still the recipients of appalling discriminatory treatment in seeking their share of the American promise. They are still less equal in opportunity than their white counterparts, who in essence are more "equal" in all relevant areas of achieving the good life. And this is the hub of the problem. It is the stumbling block, the obstacle to resolving discrimination and prejudice in our society.

One can hardly deny that even up to the present time the Blacks have and are still suffering economically, way out of proportion to their numbers. Thus, in very hard times, being "more equal" continues to pay off, especially when one has to feed, house and clothe one's family.

No one in this society should be given the advantage of being more equal than anyone else. Every opportunity for growth and achievement should be based on the concept that we all start at the beginning on an equal footing.

So it is easy to see why it is hard to be Black and be a patriotic American at the same time. But it has happened, and most Black people are, in fact, patriotic Americans, because they know that their ancestors contributed to the growth of America. No one can argue that Blacks have not participated in the development of America. Thus it would seem logical that there should be no doubt or misgiving against Blacks sharing in the glory and pageantry of the Bicentennial.

Blacks fought in the Revolutionary War, the War of 1812, the Civil War, the Spanish American War, World Wars I and II, and the Korean and Viet Nam Wars. And they fought for the same things as all Americans—liberty, freedom and justice for all.

And when the true record is written, historians will record that whoever was false, the Blacks were true. So wrote A.P. Smith in 1862, in a letter to President Abraham Lincoln. The often

quoted phrase "Blacks wrote in blood and sweat what Thomas Jefferson wrote with pen and ink" still holds true.

Perhaps with greater knowledge of the Black man's contribution to America, Whites will cease to view Blacks as "loafers and freeloaders". And with a greater appreciation of our own achievements, hopefully will come a deeper sense of pride and self-esteem for Blacks.

Certainly the youth of America, Black and White, can use a good shot of unsung Black accomplishments, and not just an over-dose of *Superfly*-type movies with glorified pinups and prostitutes.

America hasn't lived up to her dreams. America has had 200 years to live up to

the Declaration of Independence, which is now being celebrated. The only thing that is wrong with the Declaration of Independence is that the ones who wrote it and adopted it were insincere. The Declaration of Independence was not to them a statement of principles, but rather a statement in support of their rebellion.

So now we hear rosey speeches, flag wavers and marchers extolling American virtues. But as Black Americans should participate in the Bicentennial by keeping before all America her sins. When America floats over its greatness in the world community, ask how many people died of malnutrition last year. When America talks about how rich this country is we need to remind her of how she exploited and continues to exploit Black resources, as she has done over the last 200 years. There is no proof on record that America has volunteered to bring equality and respect to the Black man: not in Europe, not in South America, not in Africa, not in Asia nor in the Middle East. Black America should participate in the Bicentennial by giving leadership in building a humane moral and ethical climate here at home and around the world.

Black America should showcase the heroic deeds that Blacks achieved in building a foundation that White America claims. Black America cannot leave the job of rebuilding equal justice and equal opportunity to White America alone. Black America should join hands with White America to do what should be done: to make the American dream a reality for all.

Black America can celebrate the Bicentennial by calling on all office seekers, White and Black, all appointed persons, churches, municipal, state and national judges, and all candidates for office in 1976, to answer these questions: What will you do about war? About a military budget of \$100 billion in peace time? About unemployment, unjust tax laws, crime, health insurance, bussing, equal justice and equal opportunity for all?

And from those answers we must determine our vote for all candidates, especially for the President of the United States.

Judkins And Seattle's Rejected Communities Seek Community Block Grant Funds

Residents of Judkins and Seattle's Rejected Communities have submitted a \$350,000 Block Grant application for housing rehabilitation and redevelopment of the total community. This money is badly needed. As a result of two freeway projects, and gross neglect by the city, these communities have many houses in need of rehabilitation. There are over 100 vacant and abandoned houses. There are no major businesses, such as supermarkets, etc. in the area. These community councils are asking support of this application by your attendance at Seattle's Rejected Community Council meeting on Thursday, February 19, 1976 at 7:00 p.m. in the Yesler Atlantic PAC office, 2315 So. Jackson St. For more information call the Central Seattle Federation office, 322-7100. Ask for John or Cindy.

NOTICE

Another step has been taken towards opening the doors of Sound Savings & Loan Association. On December 31, 1975, the State of Washington Division of Savings and Loan gave its approval on the Association's application for an organizing permit. The Organizing Permit makes it possible for the Founders & Directors to actively solicit for stock subscriptions (pledges of intent only from prospects investors, as well as obtaining an indication of interest from individuals who will pledge initial deposits for savings. Future steps will include approval from the Federal Savings and Loan Insurance Corporation on the application for insurance of accounts.

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