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CUTS IN SCHOOL LUNCHES & CAO PROGRAMS SCORED BY 1,100 IN TWO SEPARATE MEETINGS

SPOKESMAN

Rev. James Thomas, pastor of First Baptist Church, Lackawanna, is the spokesman for the Parents' Group, in the Lackawanna High School racial crisis. The parents claim tension is the result of bias, misappropriation and a prejudice School Board.

The authorities say outside black militants are at the root of the disorders. Only about 60 percent of the students have returned to school. This is the second confrontation there this year.

GUEST SPEAKER

Bill Martin Jr., considered one of America's leading storytellers and an expert on early childhood education, will address administrators and teachers of Buffalo's Early Push and Follow Through programs Saturday, Oct. 17, from 9 a.m. to noon in Woodlawn Junior High School, 450 Masten Ave.

Mr. Martin is associated with Holt, Rinehart and Winston publishing firm as editor of elementary classroom materials. He is the originator of several innovative reading programs, and has co-authored 18 children's books.

The Woodlawn meeting is part of an on-going series of in-service instruction for personnel participating in the two federally funded programs.

Reading teachers in the Buffalo Public Schools and educators from the State University have also been invited to attend the meeting.

PHOTO BELOW

This group of male models who presented an all men's style show at St. Vincent's Catholic Church, Main St. near Humboldt are members of St. Andrew's United Methodist Church, Masten and Northampton, Rev. Edmund Millett, pastor. They gave the show for the benefit of St. Andrew's Church.

Rev. Millett, rear left, has been transferred to the pastorate of Lincoln Memorial United Methodist Church.

— Criterion Photo

VOTERS BARGAIN FOR 1970

Voters and citizens of the 143rd Assembly District, have the best opportunity of their lives to double the power of their representation in the New York State Legislature, in the November election.

This fact was expressed by the Rev. M. L. Littlejohn, Republican candidate for Assemblyman of the 143rd District who is a running mate of John Hemphill, Republican candidate for State Senator of the 55th District, which takes in a big segment of the 143rd District.

Reminiscening, the popular minister said: "Our people have not now just tried in the 70's to elect an assemblyman from their area. The dream and move began a number of years before the 60's, we were successful in electing Negro representation."

He stressed the point, "Now the 70's are here and we have a chance to double our strength in the legislature with the **Hemphill-Littlejohn team — a vote in the Assembly and one in the Senate, which will make political history."**

"Continuing, he said, "This will only be possible through a big "if." This big "if" is that we must unite and forget about party lines and vote for our best political bargain, ignoring the glib, rhetoric, and stereotype cliche voting pattern, which only our race is so famous for."

"These bad political habits today, have virtually kept the districts of America's fastest growing ethnic group, the blacks, as one party, vest pocket, sanctuary areas. This stigma can be dropped by voting for **John Hemphill, and M. L. Littlejohn,** on election day.

V. E. JORDAN, JR. COLLEGE FUND SPEAKER

The role of the United Negro College Fund in futhering higher education was outlined for business community leaders at a luncheon on Oct. 8th, at 12:30 p. m. in the sixth floor executive dining room of Marine Midland Bank—Western's Administration Bldg. at 241 Main St.

Donald D. Notman, a senior vice president of the bank and Western New York general chairman of the United Negro College Fund, was the host.

Vernon E. Jordan, Jr., of New York City, executive director of the Fund, was the speaker.

Prior to assuming leadership of the United Negro College Fund, Mr. Jordan was attorney - consultant for the U. S. Office of Economic Opportunity, assistant to

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This scene took place during the standing room only, ceremonies in the Senior Citizens Headquarters of Willert Park Courts, renaming the housing unit, the Alfred Price Courts, late in September.

Mr. Price who initiated the cultivation of flower gardens there in 1942, became its manager in 1939 and held that post until his death in 1968. It was the second housing unit for low income families, following the the opening of the Kenfield Project in 1937.

Mr. Price was active in the YMCA, National Conference of Christians and Jews, and an active layman in the Episcopal Church.

Shown making an address is former Congressman, Councilman and Supervisor, Anthony Tauriello, chairman of the Buffalo Housing Authority. Samuel Alt, present Price Court Manager, presided.

Councilman Delmar Mitchell, gave the main address. — Criterion Photo

MRS. KING AUTHORS BOOK

Perhaps the most poignant and inspiring personal story you will ever read, Coretta Scott King's deeply moving international bestseller, "My Life With Martin Luther King, Jr.," is now available in a low-priced paperback edition. Every word of the $6.95 hard cover edition is included in the new Avon paper bback, just published paper back, just published at $1.50.

Here at last is the story of the man behind the headlines and the woman behind the great man.

Coretta Scott King reveals the whole fabric of fears, joys, hopes, ambitions, sorrows and disappointments that lurked behind the steadfast images she and her husband put forth to the world. The story of their courtship and marriage; their lives together as husband and wife, proud parents, devoted friends and leaders of their community is played out against a background of increasing world recognition and fateful involvement in the movement.

Be sure to pick up your copy of "My Life With Martin Luther King, Jr.," by Coretta Scott King. An Avon Book. Now available wherever paper backs are sold. $1.50.

AFRO-PROGRAM SET FOR OCT. 25th

The Afro - American Evening will open the 7th Annual Folk Festival Sunday, Oct. 25th at 7 p.m. in the Auditorium of D'Youville College, 320 Porter Ave., entrance on Prospect Ave.

The Festival will feature a series of programs by ethnic groups from Oct. to Jan. '71, made up of songs, dances and special features portraying the cultural groups on the Niagara Frontier. The Festival promotes better understanding, friendship and Americanism among the various ethnic groups by sharing heritages and legacies.

The programs are sponsored by The Niagara Frontier Folk Art Council, Inc. Dr. Stephen Gredel is chairman. Everyone is welcome.

THREE NATIVE AFRICANS VISIT BUFFALO

Recently Melody Kalonga, chief reporter of the Zambia Daily Mail, Ndola, Zambia; Tregaye Taddesse, assoc. editor of The Ethiopian Herald, and Gedamu Abraba, a radio announcer with Radio Ethopia, were guests in the United States of the State Department. They came to Buffalo through the Buffalo World Hospitality Association.

The three newsmen, appearing to be in their late 30s, speak English fluently, and are very well inforfed on world affairs.

They had visited New York City, Chicago, Washington and Los Angeles before stopping in Buffalo and Niagara Falls.

While here they stopped by the Buffalo Human Relations Commission Office in City Hall and chatted approximately an hour with Raymond Jackson, director of Rumor Control, and Frank E. Merriweather, Jr. a Human Relations Commission Board member who is editor of The Buffalo Criterion.

The trio expressed amazement over the development of America, stating their countries are underdeveloped. The news media is owned by the governments — but there is freedom of speech and religion.

They said that their main purpose here was to gain ideas to further develop their nations and bringing better living there for their homeland, which they love dearly.

2-DAY SESSION SLATED FOR CHURCH

Young's Tabernacle Holiness Church, will hold its First Annual Assembly, in a 2-day session, Saturday, Oct. 24th, and Sunday, Oct. 25th, at the church, 780 William St. Services will be held at 10:00 a. m.; 3:30 p. m. and 8:00 p. m. each day.

Rev. L. H. Young, Pastor and Overseer, is inviting all to come and enjoy the Lord with them. Brothers and sisters will attend from New York City and New Jersey. There will also be great singers and preachers. A 12-year old minister, who is a fire ball for God, will also be present. A discussion period will be held to stir your thoughts.

Plan to attend this 2-day session because a treat is in store for you.

FALL FESTIVAL

A Fall Festival will be given by St. Boniface School, 141 Mulberry St., in the School Hall, Saturday, Nov. 7, from 2 to 9 p. m. Door prizes will be given, refreshments served and games will be played.

STUDY WORKSHOP TO BE HELD AT CANISIUS

The New York State Association of Elementary, Kindergarten and Nursery Education (NYA-EKNE) will sponsor the Third Study/Action Worshop on Saturday, October 31, at Rosary Hill College. The theme is, "Illuminating the Lives of Children."

The national president of EKNE, Dr. Margaret S. Woods, Associate Professor of Education at Seattle Pacific College, Seattle, Washington; who is internationally known for her work and publications in the field of creativity, will be the luncheon speaker and moderate a panel discusson after lunch.

Registration begins at 8:30 a. m. The wrrkshops which will follow will feature demonstrations by many area educators and time has been scheduled for viewing many exhibits and asking questions.

This Study/Action workshop is open to all persons interested in education from nursery school through the elementary grades.

GUARDS PARTICIPATE

The NYS National Guard Marching Unit participated in the 8th Annual Negro American Day Parade recently, under the direction of Sgt. Scott.

Following the affair, Sgt. Scott, Ltc. Norman Wald and Ltc. Tull expressed great pleasure in being able to assist in a civic program.

Lt. Wald said that the National Guard is always willing to help in any way it can. Furthermore, any young man who wants to join the unit, regardless of race, color or creed, is welcome.

He may apply at the Masten Armory.

Rev. J. H. Monroe, founder of the program and the 1970 Queens, also posed for a Criterion Photographer.

BIG BOB HERE, OCT. 24th

The management of the Buffalo Braves hosted the press on its opening winning game at Memorial Auditorium. The Braves look good this year. They face the undefeated Detroit team and Buffalo's Bob Lanier in Buffalo, Saturday, Oct. 24th.

PLANS TO CONTINUE EDUCATION

Miriam Duncan, of 740 Virginia St., a graduate of Fosdick Masten, Class of 1970, as a seamstress, expects to further her talents in Occupational Therapy at Erie Community College the next semester.

LARGEST BLACK MANUFACTURERS DOING WELL

The month of October signifies the fourth anniversary of the Watts Manufacturing Corporation, the largest black owned and operated manufacturing company in the United States.

When the company was formed in 1966 there were 30 workers and plans were to have at least 200 employees within two years. During those first two years alone, the staff had grown to over 200 and the sales for 1969 surpassed $4 million.

Watts Manufacturing, in the beginning, made only goods for the aerospace industry, but now has moved into the consumer goods area with the recent introduction of Coolid, a container designed to keep salads crisp. Coolid sales reached $65,000 in the first four and one-half months.

Perhaps one of the secrets of success for this rapidly expanding organization is its long-range program of hiring persons formerly classed as "hard-core unemployables" and dturning them into useful workers. This program, as well as the introduction of Coolid, is a feather in the cap of the able young president of Watts Manufacturing, Leon O. Woods.

Watts Manufacturing Corporation is proof that with determination and pride, the gloomiest of statistics are nothing but numbers on paper.

PHOTO BELOW

Prior to a 4 a. m. departure for Los Angeles, Peter Firth (right), pilot/captain for Arabesco Air, loads his aircraft with an Eastman Kodak shipment at San Francisco International Airport. Checking the manifest is Norman Ijames, secretary and director of operations for the black-owned air cargo company.

The four weekly Arabesco flights are part of a 13-state distribution network to speed product to and from Kodak's Palo Alto laboratory. Oakland-based Arabesco is helping Kodak to assure thousands of west coast customers the ultimate in photo processing service.

URGE PROTESTS IN WRITING TO OFFICIALS

Wednesday evening, a protest march from Walls Memorial Church, Glenwood and Wohlers Avenue, to Woodlawn Junior High School took place, despite the inclement weather.

The parade which comprised about 200 marchers, was carried out to focus attention on a $73,000 cut in anti-poverty funds, which is in addition to a $75,000 cut in 1969. In 1971, a 50 percent cut is expected.

The total aggregation in the Woodlawn auditorium was estimated between 700 and 750 persons, representing local neighborhood advisory councils, groups from Lackawana, the First Ward businessmen, the Kennedy Center, the Willert Park Senior Citizens, and the United Parents. They were part of the 125 organizations involved.

Speakers included Councilman George Arthur, Charles Perkins, Mildred Prim, and others.

Citizens were urged to write all Federal officials and candidates, protesting the proposed cut.

On the same evening, BUILD Organization, assisted by BRAGG, held a meeting at BUILD Academy 32 School) to protest the cut of hot lunches for 20,000 children in the Core area.

About 400 persons attended. Claude Clapp of the Board of Education; Tom Reed of the State Department of Education, and others.

To continue the program would cost about $700,000.

DINNER AND CARD PARTY SLATED

The LORDS & LADIES SOCIAL CLUB is sponsoring a Chicken Dinner & Card Party on Saturday, Oct. 24. How about having dinner with the Lords & Ladies and spend an enjoyable evening at cards? Don't forget the place, 141 Brunswick, and the date, Oct. 24, from, until.