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JOBS! PLEASE!

The Employment Committee has been very pleased with the large number of youngsters, both black and white, who have sent in job applications.

About half of them have had jobs found for them by the indefatigable Clarence Green and his committee. BUT--the other half!!! Can any of you help? Either with real job offers or a willingness to help hunt for openings? Please call Mr. Green (888-7539) or Mrs. Marcia Poffenberger (888-1209).

HURRY!....summer's Here!

IT'S A TRIPPLE-HEADER PROGRAM

Thursday, June 11, at 8:00 p.m., at the Worthington Methodist Church, your June Meeting will be a THREE-HEADLINER!

James Goodrich will speak. Bob Burns will speak. And it will be our Annual Meeting and Election.

Mr. Goodrich is a Lazarus executive, on leave of absence, and he is a candidate for representative to Congress from our district. This seat is now occupied by Sam Devine, who is also a candidate for reelection; we invited him to speak also, but he was unable to arrange to be with us.

Mr. Burns will comment on integrated educational materials available. He is a high school teacher who has been educating us on black studies this year, and is a very well-informed man. Those of you who are involved in program planning for other groups will be especially interested in
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WE WIN ON EDUCATION!

By Mrs. Ruth Kaswan

During April and May our task force on instruction conducted an intensive campaign for the inclusion of black studies in the curriculum of all our schools. This came to a climax at the Board of Education meeting May 18, when Earl W. Lane, Superintendent of Instruction, with Ralph Wilson and Joseph Townsley, announced programs for the coming year substantially meeting the objectives spelled out in the Resolution we submitted to the Board.

The Resolution asked for formal acceptance of black study material as an integral part of regular courses in all grades, in-service teacher training, hiring of black teachers in proportion to the black population in the U.S., and hiring an expert to initiate the program, all of it to be begun by the fall of this year.

The Board was in essential agreement with us, and the only item rejected was the hiring of an expert. They agreed, instead, to consult with members of the black community and representatives of WHRC. Since we have among us individuals who are experts on black studies, we do not feel this will jeopardize the implementation of the program. The black parents submitted a list of names, and so did we. Our representatives are Mrs. Eleanor Banner, Mrs. J. James, and J. Cross.

The Resolution was worked out in the course of three meetings. The first one, April 9, co-sponsored by the League of Women Voters and attended by about 150 people, demonstrated the need for action. A workshop of about 20 people met April 23 to learn specifics about teaching materials, their availability, and methods for their insertion in existing courses. On May 7, a second public (Turn to Page 2)

COME TO MEETING - - - JUNE 11 !!

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meeting debated and approved the wording of the Resolution, which was then submitted to the Board of Education for inclusion in the agenda of their meeting May 11. At that time the Board decided to study the matter in a closed meeting before returning to the public on May 18. Our Resolution was combined with a petition submitted to the Board by a black parents' group, which presented essentially the same demands in greater detail.

Beyond specifics, there are two aspects of the results we have achieved that should be pointed out. One is that we markedly increased the pace at which black studies will be integrated into the curriculum. The most important item here is in-service training for teachers. Once the teachers are trained, the rest follows naturally. The other, and perhaps more important, point is that the Board of Education and the administration are officially committed to a black studies program.

No more will individual teachers need to slip in materials and subject matter while the administration looks the other way. We honor the teachers who've done so and we admire their courage. They were, indeed, pioneers. But now the black studies are an official part of the curriculum of a progressive school system, and we are very glad.

Members of the task force were Dr. David Blythe, Mrs. Eleanor Banner, Bob Burns, Mrs. Jayne James, Betty Waki, Marilyn Ellis, Mrs. Jeanne Woodward, and Mrs. Ruth Kaswan, chairman.

OSCARS, TONI'S, ETC.

More thanks than we can express for a long year of hard work to:

Tom Carter, Harold Jones, Juanita Jones, Gil Calkins, Olwen Firestone, Clarence Green, Dave Blyth, Stan Robinson, Joan Elliot, Judy Weld, Dick Stow, Beth Ullery, Ruth Kaswan, Jacque Cross. (And to Jill Bowser, too, who in great modesty wrote the rest of this.--Gil C.)

IT'S YOUR
ANNUAL MEETING!

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Bob's presentation. Be sure to hear it.

Third, and very important, this will be your WHRC annual meeting for 1970. We will need to elect officers and trustees for next year, and we need your help in this. Nominations are not yet adequate, and we eagerly solicit your help by mail on the enclosed form--as well as on the floor at the meeting. Just one requirement--please check with your candidates as to willingness to serve if elected!

TO BE ELECTED:

President
Vice President
Secretary
Treasurer

9 Trustees, 3 each for
1, 2 and 3 years

Auditing Committee

Chairman

3 members of Elections
Committee

(The officers listed above are to be chosen by the elected trustees from their group; so desirable officers should be among the Trustee nominees.)

HELP WORTHINGTON GO!

The Community Relations Commission will hold its next general meeting on June 17, at 8 p.m., at the City Hall.

Among other items of business for this meeting will be discussion of the feasibility of a fair employment survey in Worthington, and the pros and cons of contacting businesses and institutions that may have employees coming into our area and needing housing.

Visitors are very much welcome to attend these Commission meetings, and you should go if you can.

AGAIN!! -- Do you know anyone who might have a job for one of our employment registrants--young people? If so, please call Clarence Green.