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OIC-R SADDLED WITH \$80,000 DEBT IN APARTMENT DEAL



Rev. Thomas C. Sanders, EPA businessman and president of the South San Mateo chapter of the NAACP, can now be heard on radio station KSOL from 8 - 8:15am every Sunday morning.

Rev. Sanders said that the program is designed to get people in the mood for Sunday morning services.

Accompanying Rev. Sanders on the show are the Heavenly Echoes of East Palo Alto.

SHOWN LEFT TO RIGHT

MRS TINA ROGERS

MRS HATTIE DOUGLAS

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MRS LILLIE CONEY

AND MR. ERNEST CLAY

NOT SHOWN,
MRS DOROTHY TYLER

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Last week this newspaper ran a story dealing with the formation of OIC-R (Opportunities Industrialization Centers - Regional). The article raised questions concerning the signatures on the incorporation papers and whether or not some of the incorporating directors were told the whole truth at the time the Corporation was formed.

The Gazette has secured what it considers supporting evidence that the apartment deal was not entirely in good faith. Here are the records of the apartments since 1958.

On October 1, 1958, Mr. Jahnke secured a grant deed from Bay Park Realty in Menlo Park for

the three apartment houses. Each transaction was handled separately.

On March 21, 1963 a deed of trust was issued to R. Bruce Jahnke and Marie C. Jahnke, his wife. Again each piece of property was handled separately.

On November 1, 1966, Guarantee Savings & Loan Association of Yolo (near Sacramento), filed a "Notice of Default and Substitution of Trustee" against the three pieces of property.

On March 8, 1967 at 2:41pm a Grant Deed was issued to "The Supporting Organization for Opportunities Industrialization Centers - Regional for each of the

three pieces of property. On March 25 a "Rescission of Notice of Default" was filed.

The \$80,000 debt, according to Father Sweeney, President and Chairman of the Board at OICW, was rescinded by Guarantee Savings & Loan and moratorium declared on debt payments.

But the fact remains that there is still an \$80,000 debt due on the apartments that has to be paid. Who is responsible for that \$80,000? This writer feels that the SO OIC-R is responsible and that the moratorium declared by Guarantee Savings & Loan will not last forever.

SO OIC-R's financial responsibility to Guar-

antee Savings & Loan is \$1,800 per month, according to James Wilmore, one of the Directors.

When the time comes for SO OIC-R to meet this responsibility, it is entirely possible that the receipts from rentals would fall short of the required \$1800 payment. Where would the money come from to make up the difference?

It seems logical to assume that if Mr. Jahnke an experienced dealer in properties, with holdings in six states could not make the apartments a success, and saddled himself with an \$80,000 default debt, there is little reason to assume that SO OIC-R, totally un-

area can make them a success.

Mr. Jahnke has simply serviced a sizeable tax write-off for himself and at the same time saddled SO OIC-R with an \$80,000 default debt that they must pay.

The Gazette feels that because of the circumstances involving people connected with federally funded projects, and because of the nature of the deal made, and because of the previous handling of the property, the U.S. District Attorney ought to be asked to look into the matter.



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A PRESENT FOR REV. BOYLE

For the past two years now, people have been organizing us, ostensibly for power. There has been great sound and fury about the issues -- whatever these issues happen to be.

Objectively, the conditions in the area have gotten worse in the last few years. It has gotten worse in areas that count. If you will make a visibility check of the East of Bayshore and the adjoining areas, you will find that our faces have vanished from areas in which we once operated. There are very few equal opportunity employers in our general area -- at least a visibility check seems to indicate that this is the case. The school district has undergone some change. Very few other establishments can make the same claim.

The sound and fury keeps up about who is going to speak for us. There is less and less to be

300 VOICE CHOIR IN BURLINGALME

The 300 voice East Bayshore Community Choir has been invited to sing at the First Methodist Church in Burlingame. In addition, the Day School Choir, specializing in Freedom songs, will participate in the program.

The outstanding hit of the recent Community Choir concert at Ravenswood, the Campbell Gospel Singers, will perform also. All the Campbell Singers are "Campbells." The Mellowettes and the Heavenly Echoes may also appear.

Donations at the services in which the choirs will sing will go to the East Palo Alto Day School and Summer Teen program and to the Mothers Homemaking Industry. All choirs will be notified of rehearsal dates.

spoken about, for the simple reason that the economic base has grown smaller.

When the Committee of the Poor summer program was cut, not a soul raised a voice. Whatever benefit was derived from the program, 200 to 250 children will be unable to partake. At the 11th hour, there is much screaming about summer programs. The Human Resources Commission has one; the Department of Employment has one; there are at least two volunteer organizations that have

summer programs.

The need for funded programs is great. There is a need for about 500 employment, camp, summer training slots for the East-of-Bayshore community. These slots are not needed because of the long hot summer, but because the youth of our community have a hot summer offers will come -- positive or negative.

It is up to us to try to develop creative programs rather than containment programs. The time is late. The need is great.

The Midpeninsula Catholic Interracial Council voted to present a subscription to the Peninsula Gazette to Rev. Eugene Boyle of Vallombrosa Retreat House, Menlo Park at their regular May meeting.

Since Father Boyle is the Executive Director of the Archdiocesan Social Justice Commission, it appeared logical to the

Council that he be involved directly with the East Palo Alto - East Menlo Park area, since his residence is hardly fifteen minutes away.

Since the Council felt that he shows no interest in such involvement, they felt that he should at least have some knowledge of what is taking place in the so-called ghetto East of Bayshore.

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"LEE HOME" NOT WANTED IN MENLO PARK - RETURNS TO EPA

JUNE FESTIVAL SHAPING UP

Mrs. Bette Lee and her family have come back to make their "Lee Home" in East Palo Alto. Mrs. Lee said that she has been overwhelmed by the wel-

worker Mrs. Hannah care for. Our society is segregated not only by color, it seems, but by other accidents of birth.

Presently Mrs. Lee and

you have done it unto one of the least of these, you have done it unto me."

East Palo Alto, itself a rejected community, has embraced the return

ministry who toiled two weekends to put the home in shape.

After visiting and playing with the children who so threatened the resid-

The Juneteenth Festival is taking shape rapidly now. The exciting and fun activities that will occur are in these groups: Concessions and Booths, (Dilmar Robinson); Indoor entertainment, and nightlife and sports, (Aidimar Jones); music; Parades; Beauty contests, (Mrs. Wallace, Mr. Dumas, Mrs. Young and Mrs. McClure).

A steering committee is now working hard; it is open to anyone who wants to help make the celebration a real bash.

At present the following people are working on the committee:

James Banks, Ida Berk, Lowell Norling, Gertrude Wilks, Syrtiller Kabat, Everlyn Wallace, George Phillips, Douglass Wadley, James Haugabook, Chester Bailey and Jerry White.

The committee is wide open.

Present projected dates for the festival are June 16 - June 26 for further information call:

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ABOVE: Lyn Lee with Timmy



RIGHT: Jackie plays in the nursery

come she has received. The Lee home has been and is a home for human beings who have been rejected as undesirable and unfit by society. Indeed, the home itself was rejected by the city of Menlo Park, spearheaded by Mayor Lawson. Some neighbors (about 15) felt threatened by the helpless retarded children that Mrs. Lee and her co-

Mrs. Hannah care for five retarded children and one autistic girl, with the help of Mrs. Lee's son Jan and daughter Lyn at their house on 1794 Bay Road.

In past years three teen-age boys have lived in the Lee home, when parents found them too much trouble to care for. Mrs. Lee has always welcomed people in trouble, the motto of her home being, "If



of the Lee Home. The RHS Key Club has offered to make a long term commitment of help to the home and will soon paint the house. The YUK group helped clean up the yard one Sunday along with Stanford people from the Newman club and the United Campus Christian

ents of Menlo Park, this writer feels that East Palo Alto is lucky to have such a warm and loving home back with us.

stated: "We feel that it is unfair to the children at the Day School and to those who are giving their time to supplement the formal education of our children to have to com-

pete with programs causing disruptions."

Although she acknowledged that such programs might be planned for the "enrichment" of the children participating.

DAY SCHOOL IN TROUBLE

The Day School of East Palo Alto may be forced to leave its quarters at Green Oaks School and return to the Churches. Distractions caused by others meeting at the school to pick up children for field trips and other excursions at the same time the Day School opens have hindered operation of the school.

Mrs. Gertrude Wilks, speaking for the Mothers for Equal Education, pointed out that such activity has been noticed for about two months. She

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NEW GROUP TO FIGHT CAPITAL PUNISHMENT

The recently formed Peninsula Catholics against Capital Punishment (PCACP) was among those testifying in support of the MacMillan bill to abolish the death penalty, at hearings last Tuesday before the Assembly Committee on Criminal Procedures

in Sacramento. The MacMillan bill would substitute life imprisonment without possibility of parole for the death penalty, with an exception that offenders under 18 would have possibility of parole.

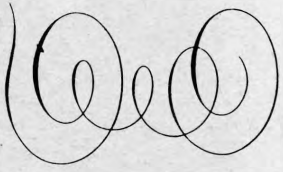
Mrs. Joan Abrams, Palo Alto housewife and acting chairman of PCACP, said that the group represents about 300 Catholics in the Mid-Peninsula, both laymen and priests. It was formed shortly after the execution of Aaron Mitchell, California's first execution in over 4 years. Signatures to a petition for abolition were gathered at local churches after Sunday masses and at St. Patrick's Seminary through the efforts of a faculty member.

Mrs. Abrams stated, "Many of us have recently heard sermons urging opposition to the Beilenson Abortion bill; few of us, however, have heard sermons questioning the morality of capital punishment. In the view of PCACP the principal that human life is sacred applies to both abortion and capital punishment."

She continued, "There is no proof that capital punishment acts as a deterrent; rather, many available statistics indicate that there is no relationship between the presence or absence of the death penalty and the number of capital crimes committed. In the absence of such proof, executions must be retribution or vengeance exacted by society. Christian teaching, however, is that judgment and vengeance must be left to God."

Mrs. Abrams continued her argument, "Such responsible critics of the death penalty as former San Quentin Warden Clinton Duffy have acknowledged the inequity of the administration of the death penalty, in that the majority sentenced to death come from the poor and the minority groups; seldom, if ever, are the well-to-do executed for the same crimes. Inability to obtain decent housing or an adequate job has and will tempt individuals to commit murder and armed robbery. Can this state honestly maintain that it has done all in its power to help make available sufficient housing and employment for all its citizens? It is tragic irony

that the death penalty, with its pattern of striking down those from the poorer classes and minority races, merely represents a final continuation of the social injustice accorded these individuals throughout their lifetimes."



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OPEN LETTER TO EAST PALO ALTO

The article that appeared in the Peninsula Gazette May 13, 1967, deserves some clarification and since I apparently am the target of this article I feel that I should be the one to state in this open letter to the East Palo Alto community.

On February 3, 1967, I was approached concerning forming a supporting organization for the OICW school. Being concerned for the success of this worth-while project for helping people to secure good paying jobs and seeing how there was so much controversy and unrest going on in the community about the school as to its motives, administration, staff, etc., I felt that an organization was needed to assist financially and morally this very needed program. At this time the Willow Road Apartment Units were brought up by Mr. Charles Thrower informing me of their availability. It was my understanding that they were to be donated tax-free to the Center. After some investigation as to the possible restoring of the units by painting, planting shrubs, and a general face-lifting, we could see the possibility of a massive change to the whole community. The matter of OICW accepting the proposed gift was brought before the Board of Directors at the regular meeting. After a very lengthy discussion, it was decided the gift be rejected because OICW was not in the business of managing property, as stated by some of the Board members. Still feeling the units were a good chance to start improvement in the area, some of the Board members decided that regardless of the motives of the donor, whether he was sincere or not, that it was better that we get together and form a separate, non-profit corporation and accept the property than have another absentee landlord that would be using the property as a tax write-off and let it run down more than it already was. So the OICW Support group was formed. The Corporation paper was filed in Sacramento. When it was discovered that copies were needed for San Mateo and Santa Clara Counties, they were re-typed from the originals and the names were written in. So apparently this is how my name was written in my absence.

So far as the fraud charges are concerned, there were no such motives to my knowledge. My main concern was and is for the OICW school and the East Palo Alto community. The Gazette refers to the Board being puppets to the Chairman. Speaking for myself, this statement is false. There are problems on the Board, true enough, but the way to solve the problems is not to completely destroy the school for spite at certain members of the Board. Get in and do something constructive with the energy used to be destructive. If you want to be involved get involved but don't cut the ladder out from under us. It has taken too long to get up there.

The OIC Support group covers from San Mateo County to Santa Clara County. Membership is open to anyone interested in supporting the OIC centers. The best way to see to it that nothing is going on under the table is to join and make sure that everything is above-board.

James A. Wilmore

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I would like to tender my resignation of my appointed position on the Human Resources Com-

mission. Due to the increased business responsibilities, I will not be able to continue my duties as I desire.

It has been a very educational experience, and I sincerely appreciate having been recommended to the position. I regret having to resign at this time but I find it

does not in any way reflect a loss of interest for I am still a working resident of the community and extremely interested in every phase of it.

Sincerely,
Cecille Young

"SNEAK-OUT" PROGRAM TO BE EXPANDED

MEE head, Mrs. Gertrude Wilks, announced expansion of the "Sneak-out" Program to include 500 students next September in a meeting last week with educational leaders from the Cupertino School District in Santa Clara County. MEE (Mothers for Equal Education) sponsors the program which offers East-Bayshore youngsters the opportunity to improve their education by living and going to school outside of Ravenswood High School's attendance area. Dr. James McIlhiney,

Montclair School PTA president; Mrs. Ethel Mahan, school president; and Montclair parents and teachers showed interest in the program. Many said they intended to open their homes to black children.

"East Palo Alto children are intellectually deprived; Cupertino children are culturally deprived," said Dr. McIlhiney in explaining his concern.

In reply to a question about the qualification for foster parents, Mrs. Wilks emphasized that they should have the best in-

terest of the students at heart and a willingness to help the youngsters with their homework. "They are behind, you know," she said.

In addition to helping with the "Sneak-out" program, Mr. McIlhiney expressed a desire to aid in community programs still in the planning stages such as the Teen and Day School Summer programs, in which teenagers will help teach younger children; and the Mothers Homemaking Industry.

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OICW has a lot of problems, we would certainly be the first to admit this and we are trying to solve them, but the majority of our problems stem from one principal reason.

I might preface this by saying that we are not the only ones faced with or concerned about this reason. This reason is predominant in most Negro communities. The reason, as seen by this writer is the disunity among Negroes.

The roots of Negro division are of our African origin. We have never since our slavery, has the cohesiveness of other groups such as the Irish, Italians and Jewish people. There are many reasons why this cohesiveness has never existed and I could not possibly cover them all in this one article. This is not really the intent of writing this article, but it is OICW's intent to try to bring this needed unity. Not only in the center, but also in the community. The only way that Negroes as a group can ever accomplish anything worth while is through the influence of a unified, organized Negro community with genuine political and economic power.

I think for too long we've said to Caucasians that all of this is your fault, you created this situation, now it's up to you to do something about it. I say that this is wrong. I say it's up to us as Negroes to do something about this. I say lets create the unity that's necessary to start businesses, like co-operatives, credit unions, etc. All of this may sound like a dream and I'm sure that even some of you readers will say Negroes will never stop bickering long enough to do this. I don't really feel this is true. I believe that if our middle class Negro males would step out front, a lot of the above things can and will be accomplished. I feel strongly that the middle class Negro has a responsibility to his brothers and sisters who have not had the chance to start up the ladder of success. I've felt that the middle class Negro has too long used his brothers and sisters to get ahead.

Let's think about the now famous Civil Rights Bill that was passed. The people who really fought for this, were not the middle class Negro, but the ones who were of the lower economic status. The Civil Rights Bill turned out to be just another "piece of paper" to most Negroes, but not the middle class Negro. The middle class Negro was in a position to move up and all he needed was that "piece of paper" to help him. I'm not accusing all middle class Negroes of being guilty of this. There are many who do help, there are many who want to help, but they do not know how.

I see another thing that's happening in our community. We often look to the Churches for leadership and it's not there. I feel that if responsible Negro leaders would step forward, then our good preachers could go back to the thing that is most needed: reverence for God and brotherhood of man. But until and only until responsible people step forward, our brothers and sisters will continue to look elsewhere for leadership. So there can be no mis-interpretation of my views of Churches. I feel

EPA'S DONNA DICKEY WINS IN ESSAY CONTEST

Miss Donna Dickey of Flood Park Estates has been named teenager for the week by the Gazette.

She recently won a share in the Southern Pacific RR in the 12th annual Invest-in-America essay contest.

In her winning essay contest she described how savings in stocks and bonds can help one and his family in the future especially in regard to providing higher education for the children of the family.

Donna is a senior at Ravenswood. She transferred this year from Mayfield High School in Las Cruces, New Mexico. She credited her success in the essay contest with the writing she did in her English and speech class in New Mexico. This year if she had remained in N.M. she would be taking a freshman college course in English. At Ravenswood she is taking all business courses

except for PE and psychology. She said that she gets a little bored writing business letters.

the school is much more relaxed. Teachers let students get away with a lot. At Mayfield if you didn't work hard you would be out."

Donna plans to attend College of San Mateo next fall and eventually go into medical records work.



DONNA DICKEY

She commented that the atmosphere at RHS is much more relaxed than at Mayfield which was a school with whites and Mex.-Americans in the majority. "At Ravenswood," she said, "kids don't take school seriously. The classes and

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they have and will continue to do a lot of good, but I feel that Negro leadership should come from responsible Negro citizens, who may or may not be God fearing people. The only criterion I would set is that they be truly interested in unifying our Negro community.

I've offered a lot of criticism and hopefully most of it has been constructive. We have a very serious problem, each and everyone of us. OICW is working very hard and diligently to bring about unity of its staff, Board and community. Why can't we all get together as Negroes and make our first goal, UNITY?

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SPORTS

PALO ALTO HIGH WINS VARSITY CHAMPIONSHIP

Palo Alto High won the SPAL varsity championship meet last Saturday night in balmy summer-like weather at Terremere Field at Sequoia High School.

Despite best-of-life efforts by Ravenswood Trojan spikers the team finished 5th in the 11 school field with 31 points; 5 pts. behind 2nd place Cubberly and a scant 4 pts. behind Carlmont and Sequoia, tied for third.

Jesse Hampton broke the 2 minute barrier in the 880 for the first time in his life to take third with a 1:59.5, behind Respini of Paly and Piatt of Gunn.

Oscar Jones ran the

fastest time of his life to take second in the 100 yard dash in 10.1 edging out Robaway of Paly also timed in 10.1. Johnny Sibley also ran the best of his life, 10.2 to take 4th.

Ron Sledge long jumped 22' 4 1/2" to tie Clarence Johnson from Sequoia but took second place on the basis of his second best jump.

The Trojans equaled their best in the 880 relay with 1:31.5 but took second to Cubberly. Harold Malone may have had a chance to catch Cubberly's Gill but was forced to stop to receive the baton.

The "Moose", Marvin

Moore, took 4th in the 120HH in 15.2, equaling his years best time and 3rd in the 180 LH with a best of life, 20.5.

Harold Malone provided the rest of the Trojan scoring with a 3rd in the 440 and a 5th in the 220.

Menlo-Atherton's Bill Hatcher continued his fine sprinting by winning the 100 and 220.

The Northern California region 1 track meet will be held this Saturday, May 20, starting at 1pm again at Terremere Field at Sequoia HS in Redwood City. Ravenswood runners and jumpers will be out in full force again the following week.

Man Topics by CLAUDE HENKIK



'IF I HAD TO CHOOSE BETWEEN BRAINS AND BRAWN, I'D PICK THE MAN WITH THE MOST MONEY!'
CONTINENTAL FEATURES

DROPPED BATON COSTS TROJANS IN SPAL CHAMPIONSHIP SATURDAY

A dropped baton cost the Trojan B team second place in the SPAL championship last Saturday night. Carlmont won the B title easily with 85 points having dropped some of their runners down from the varsity division to beef up their ranks.

Rick Marlowe paced the Trojans with wins in the 100, 104; and the 220, 234. He dropped the

baton in the 880 relay when the baton caught on the bandage wrapped around his thigh. He had passed M-A's Ernie Reese to gain first place and was moving out when the accident occurred.

Micky Scott tied a meet record in the 180LH with 20.9. He also ran to a 3rd in the 440, 53.3; and jumped to a 4th in the long jump, 19'8 1/2".

Odia Chiles ran a best

of life 2:04.9 in the half mile to take second behind Pat Carey of Carlmont. Carey moved down to the Bs from the varsity; Odia moved up to the Bs from the C team. Odia seemed

to have a lot left at the end of the race but was boxed in at the start of the last lap(440 yards) and couldn't start his drive on Carey until well into the back stretch.

The B team will compete again this Saturday afternoon again at Terremere Field in the Section 1 meet.

CEDRIC THOMAS SETS 3 RECORDS

Cedric Thomas set two meet records and anchored the 880 relay team to a third as the Trojan C team finished a strong second in the SPAL meet last Saturday.

Cedric blasted to a 10.6 second 100 yard dash his best of life and 3 tenths of a second under the old record. He tied the record of 23.8 in the 220 to take first. The trio of Roland Oravillo, Steve Payton and Tom Scott passed smoothly and ran swiftly to give Thomas the lead and the baton. He ran it home for a time of 1:37.4, 2.4 seconds under the old meet record although not the best time for the Trojans this year.

Dave Hill broke the meet record in the 880 by 21/2 seconds to win easily in 2:07.1. The old record was set by his teammate Odia Chiles last year.

Gary Tsujimoto and Raul Roque took 3,4 in the shot put, both boys heaving the 8lb. shot the furthest of their lives, raul over 3 feet further.

Rolando Oravillo notched a best of life 100 in 10.9 and lead off the relay team.

Other scorers for the Cs were Gene Scott and Tsujimoto, 4 & 5 in the 180LH; Richard Young in the mile and David Hill who high jumped 5'4" to tie the winner, only to lose on more misses.

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