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Finney informs Humphrey

50% in Woodlawn are jobless

Leon Finney, executive director of the Woodlawn Organization, estimated unemployment in his community at 50 per cent.

as he urged Congress to pass immediately a more comprehensive emergency job program.



On the 100th...

The Harris YWCA Center, 6200 S. Drexel, joins in celebration of "YWCA of Metropolitan Chicago's 100 Years in the Woman Business," by staging a Tea at the center on Sunday, 3 until 7 p.m. This being "International Year of the Woman" the tea has greater meaning to women of the community because the Metropolitan Y has been a pioneer in providing recreational, educational and other support services for adolescent girls and mature women. Discussing plans for the tea are from left, Mrs. Arney H. Johnson, center director; Mrs. Gloria T. Wailes, board member and publicist, and Mrs. Mary Ann Parker, Women's Auxiliary president and board member.

Clear school district in white flight cases

CINCINNATI (UPI)—A school district should not be held responsible when its desegregation plan does not produce the desired results because whites leave the school system, the U.S. 6th Circuit Court of Appeals ruled.

The court, in a 2-1 decision, upheld a decision by U.S. District Court Judge Frank W. Wilson who had given final approval to desegregation plans for two

Chattanooga, Tenn., high schools, even though the plan when tentatively put into effect in the fall of 1971 did not produce a racial balance.

Wilson ruled, and the circuit court agreed, "changing demographic conditions within the city and other de facto conditions beyond the control and responsibility of the school board, including the voluntary withdrawal of white students from the system" caused a different black-white ratio than predicted by the plan.

The Chattanooga Board of Education's desegregation plan that was tentatively approved and began in 1971 instituted a zoning system that was expected to produce a 25 per cent white enrollment in the city's two all black General High Schools.

But when classes opened, the two schools, which had been the schools designated for blacks under the old dual system, had only 1 per cent white enrollment.

Those who brought the suit contended the school board had not done its duty as long as such racial imbalance remained.

Warning

WASHINGTON (UPI)—The Consumer Product Safety Commission warned parents to check all Halloween "treats" collected by their children before allowing them to eat any.

"Pins, razor blades, slivers of glass, drugs and poison have been found in treats passed out by real life ghouls," the agency said in issuing a list of safety tips for trick-or-treaters.

It also said Halloween costumes are a "major concern." Shoppers should look for costumes, masks and so on with labels indicating they are fire retardant.



Finney

Finney cited attempts by TWO in recent years to lower the jobless rate through job training programs. Since 1964, he said,

Testifying before Sen. Hubert Humphrey's Joint Economic Committee, Finney declared, "We must fight unemployment tooth and nail even if it means calling off the fight against inflation for a while. After all, for a person with no income, it really doesn't matter if the cost of a Cadillac is \$700, \$7,000, or \$70,000—he can't pay any of it."

more than \$5.5 million in government funds has been spent by TWO on these projects, and some 6,000 Woodlawn residents have benefited. TWO is currently applying for a \$850,000 federal grant to train 500 unskilled workers.

But, added Finney, these and other similar measures are not enough. "Because of the incredibly sad state of the economy," he said, "we are going out of the world backwards."

"These training programs cannot help people who already have skills, and have been laid off from good jobs. They don't need training. They need jobs right now. That is a reality that makes it essential for us at TWO to wholeheartedly support the emergency job program that Sen. Humphrey's committee recommended in its recent report to Congress."

Skips school to tell Rocky what it is like to be poor

DENVER (UPI)—Eight-year-old Francie O'Donnell skipped school Tuesday to tell Vice President Nelson A. Rockefeller what it's like to be poor and on welfare.

Francie was one of 500 people who attended the first of six administration public forums on domestic policy. Most of the speakers were governors, business and labor leaders and educators, but it was the little girl with long brown hair and a bright red dress that got the loudest applause.

"Us poor people are so poor, we're just completely poor," she said standing on a chair in front of a microphone. "We need money for food, for help and care. We need money for clothes."

"We need money for a house — houses

are too much," she said. "Our house is 90 bucks. We have to pay it to the landlord and one sink is completely broken. "The landlord is not very nice to us."

Rockefeller replied, "I don't see how anybody could be mean to you."

"That's true, but she is," the little girl replied.

Later she told reporters that she came to the meeting with her father, Rory O'Donnell, an unemployed industrial engineer who is on welfare.

"My mother's dead. She died from cancer in April," she said.

Another welfare recipient, Beatrice Villanueva, also of Denver, said she felt "this country has gone insane."

"I don't see how a family of four can be expected to live on \$3,000 a year when the person administering the program is making \$50,000 a year," she said. "We poor have to fight for inadequate programs like food stamps because it's better than nothing."

"Maybe you've got to think more small — in terms of families and children, instead of a whole country," she said.

Government officials testifying all gave a common theme & less federal government red tape and regulations and more federal dollars for programs administered by the states.



Airman Douglas L. Vivian, a 1975 graduate of Harlan High School, has been selected for technical training in the U.S. Air Force communications electronics systems field at Keesler AFB, Miss. The airman, son of Mr. and Mrs. Willus E. Vivian, Sr. of 361 E. 88th Place, recently completed basic training at Lackland AFB, Tex, where he studies Air force organization and customs and received special instruction in human relations.

Brawl over liquor leads to shooting

A 29-year-old Englewood man, charged with shooting Bernard Bell, 27, in the left hand during a quarrel in front of the B and L Lounge, 5900 S. Racine, was granted a continuance until Oct. 28.

Anthony Brown, of 6514 S. Morgan, appeared in Branch 48 of the Wentworth District Municipal Court, accused of shooting Bell late Monday after the two became embroiled in a drunken argument over a bottle of alcohol.

Bell, of 6023 S. Elizabeth, recuperating in Cook County Hospital, was unable to appear in court. The arresting officer, Vernon Samuels, told Judge David Cerda that Bell was in good condition, but would not be able to leave the hospital for a few days.

Judge Cerda advised Brown to hire a lawyer and placed him under \$1,500 bond.

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