

Closes Rancho Hi's Negro History Week Program



NANCY WILSON current star attraction at the Sands Hotel, will perform and speak to the Rancho High School student body Friday afternoon at 1:45 p.m. in the Men's Gymnasium at Rancho. Miss Wilson will speak about the importance of graduation from High School and going on to College -- a personal crusade of the stellar singer-actress.

Sponsors Of Pre-Valentine Program



Members of The Missionary Society No. 3 (formerly matrons) of Bethel Baptist Church are pictured at the group's pre-valentine program Sunday. From left, they are: Mrs. Elnora Glasco, Mrs. Maggie Love, Mission No. 3 Teacher; Mrs. Sadie Orange, Mrs. Barbara Williams, Mrs. Audrey Diggs, President; Mrs. Eva Poole, Mrs. Evelyn Grayson, Mrs. Ernestine Grant, and Mr. Douglas Dilligard.

Guest speaker of the afternoon program was Mr. James Robinson of Second Baptist Church whose subject was "A True Christian", in keeping with the program theme chosen by the group "The Heart of a Christian".

An inspirational musical segment of the afternoon's program was provided by the Hardman Singers of Zion Methodist Church and the widely acclaimed gospel singing group, the Soul Searchers.

A delightful tea followed the spiritually uplifting pre-valentine program offering opportunity for members of the sponsoring group to meet and relax with church members and appreciative visiting guests.

Protection

GARY - (NPI) -- Mayor Richard G. Hatcher has ordered policemen to ride city buses in an effort to protect drivers and riders from robberies. Hatcher said 31 armed robberies have taken place on the buses during the last 11 months. The policemen will be both in uniform and in civilian dress.

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HIGHLAND COUNCIL MEETING-MONDAY

Mrs. Willie Banks, Highland Neighborhood Council Chairman, announces the regular monthly meeting of the Council will be held Monday, Feb. 19, 7:30 p.m. at Highland Elementary School.

For information concerning the Highland Council or its activities, call the Council's Service Worker, Mrs. Rosie Smith -- 649-2616.

Open Housing Supporter Initiates New Approach

PROVIDENCE, R.I. - (NPI) -- Fair housing laws, good intentions, and open housing marches often fail to integrate a neighborhood. But Irving Jay Fain, a leading businessman, may have found the trick that clicks:

He is personally integrating many formerly all-white residential areas in the Providence area by buying dwellings, improving them and renting them on an integrated basis.

Negroes get first crack at the housing; whites must get back to the rear of the line.

The 61-year-old head of several Rhode Island industrialist and mercantile concerns has no glorified self-image, however.

"I don't want to be put in the position of a do-gooder, or someone that somebody else has to thank," he says. "There should be no call for thanking a landlord when he rents an apartment. That's what a landlord has a house for.

Fain, an active leader in the campaign that resulted in enactment of Rhode Island's 1965 fair-housing law, has been buying two-family dwellings in the Providence area and renting them at prices ranging from \$30 to \$175 a month. Some 25 Negroes and 90 white families have rented flats in the 47 houses he has bought.

The industrialist cites two causes of segregated housing: Stereotyped white attitudes and Negro fears of being rebuffed or harassed.

Fain maintains that his fair-housing program has dispelled the myth that whites will not move into a property already occupied by Negroes. White property owners who at first resisted his efforts later supported them, when they found that their racial fears were baseless, he said.

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