

Organization Of New Youth Council A Step Forward

Mrs. Charles Maguire, President of the Jamaica Plain Neighborhood Council, is happy to announce that the Council has undertaken the formation of the Jamaica Plain Youth Council.

A total of fifteen youths, who live in Jamaica Plain, have been selected by the following organizations as responsible leaders in their communities: Jamaica Plain High

School; Mary E. Curley Junior High School; Council of Churches; Blessed Sacrament High School; St. Thomas Aquinas Parish; Jamaica Plain Branch Library; Connolly Branch Library; and Jamaica Plain Neighborhood House.

The youth, ages 15 to 17, although referred by the above organizations, come to the Youth Council as residents of Jamaica Plain, representing the youth of Jamaica Plain.

Mrs. Maguire reported that the youth workers include Ara Iskanian, a resident-school teacher; Miss Kirkham and Mrs. Altman from the local libraries; and Bernard Carey, a resident social worker.

Recognizing the need and desirability for a district-wide youth group, the Jamaica Plain Neighborhood Council established Friday, March 5, for the first meeting of the Youth Council. The purpose of this Council would be to

provide an opportunity for youth from all sections of Jamaica Plain to come together, to act as a responsible voice of the youth in the area, and to develop a sense of "Community Mindedness".

The group is starting small, but aiming high. The hope is that after it becomes more organized, it will again reach out and enroll more youth.

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The problems faced by our community are not unique; and while the library may not have on its shelves a quantity of neatly wrapped solutions, it does have records of how other people have accomplished the tasks which we currently face. It would be the height of folly to argue that a teen-ager bent on stealing a car is likely to forego this illicit thrill for the simple pleasure of a visit to his local library. The community, utilizing its library resources, must find him BEFORE he puts his hand on that car door and offer him an alternative to the world of theft, school dropouts, and general loss of purpose. When used properly, a library becomes an intellectual blacksmith shop in which to forge the educational weapons needed to combat our contemporary social evils.

Admittedly, this is an idealistic approach, but it has found expression in such things as Sargent Shriver's campaign to raise a million books for the school children of Appalachia. Although, even the most pessimistic must concede that the problems of Jamaica Plain do not approach in magnitude the problems of Appalachia, both areas share a fundamental need for that spiritual sustenance so uniquely present in the world of books.

But, books have other functions than to provide blueprints for solving social ills. They delight the toddler, and give meaning to the lives of the mature. They are a child's passport to enchantment and a man's key to success. The needs of a community are almost as varied as the people that inhabit it, but one need it can never outgrow is this need for those things a good library can offer.

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THE NIGHT BELONGED TO THE KELLYS!—Probably the greatest rooters at Blinstrub's Village in South Boston Monday night were the younger members of the family of State Representative and Mrs. James H. Kelly of Jamaica Plain. Here two of the young fry, Cheryl and Jimmy, greet Mom and Dad. A huge gathering of over 2,000 friends of the popular solon were on hand to pay him tribute for his long service to state and community. (Photo by Bill Brett)



WILLIAM T. CASEY

GUEST EDITOR

On Wednesday, September 30, William T. Casey was appointed Branch Librarian. He has been assigned to the Connolly Branch Library.

Mr. Casey brings to his new position a variety of experience acquired in several units of the Division of Home Reading and Community Services. His library career began almost acci-

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Tuesday Club Host Cooking Party For Local Housewives

A brand new kind of Cooking Party to entertain and inform housewives will be staged by the Jamaica Plain Tuesday Club, Inc., at their March 9 meeting at the Sedgewick Street Branch Library at 2 p.m.

Spotlighted on stage for this gala event will be Mrs. Jeanne Ambuter, who will conduct a sprightly cooking session in which gourmet dishes will be prepared with full directions and many lively comments on kitchen techniques, shopping advice and serving suggestions.

Mrs. Ambuter has chosen for her menu theme "Heritage Cooking". Some recipes have historic associations in American History. However, Mrs. Ambuter has made a careful conversion to modern measurements and cooking techniques so that today's cooks will find it pleasant and rewarding to follow the recipes. Each lady attending will get a printed copy of all

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Referred to as the MATCH box project (Material Aids for Teaching Children), the kits are under the over-all direction of Frederick Kresse, Head of Special Projects at the Children's Museum. The individual match boxes (five at this time) are being developed by teams of subject-matter, media and teaching specialists from the Boston area under the leadership of Museum staff members.

The idea for such a project was born in large part from an awareness that teachers need objects as well as words to communicate facts and concepts and that the individual teacher rarely has the research time, the money, and the specialized knowledge to develop the kind of teaching/learning aids the MATCH box project envisions.

The development of the MATCH Boxes will enable the Children's Museum to experiment with a wide variety of educational media to discover the best combination and use of artifacts, live specimens, models, recordings, films, slides, activities and reference material for any given kit, (be it the city, an ancient civilization, American Indians, or nature). The emphasis is on letting the child arrive at his own con-

Representatives of any and all Jamaica Plain organizations concerned with making the com-

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Creative Drama Class At Connolly Library

On Tuesday, March 9, a class in Creative Drama will open at the Connolly Branch Library, 433 Centre street. This is a special program for children in the lower elementary school grades (2 thru 6) designed to introduce them to the world of fantasy.

The class will be conducted by Miss Ann Goldsmith of the Wheelock College faculty, and is open to children from parochial and public schools. To register for this program, the child simply leaves his or her name at the Connolly library.

This particular program has proven very popular in other branch libraries throughout the city. The object is not to teach children to become actors and actresses, but to introduce them to the delights of make-believe as one step on the road to self-development.



MRS. DAVID LOWSON

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With the close of the third marking period indicating a significant pattern of pupil accomplishment, parents will have an opportunity of conferring with

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INTER-FAITH VENTURE...

Urges Catholic Women To Join In World Prayer Day

Catholic women in three Massachusetts dioceses will be encouraged by their bishops to participate in Protestant World Day of Prayer observances on March 5.

Mrs. Ralph W. Holland of Worcester, president of the United Church Women of Massachusetts, an organization of Protestant and Orthodox women—which is a major department of the 12 denomination Massachusetts Council of Churches—described plans for the inter-faith venture recently.

She states the invitation to Massachusetts bishops was given by Mrs. Harry Dawson of Stoughton, formerly of Squantum, state chairman of the observance.

In reply, Richard Cardinal Cushing wrote to Mrs. Dawson that he "will be happy to recom-

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