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Wellsprings Confrontation Course



Area residents will have an opportunity to "learn it like it is" as the six week racial confrontation course begins under the supervision of Wellsprings Ecumenical Center of Germantown.

The first of the consecutive Tuesday evening sessions will be held at Christ Church Neighborhood House Oct. 8 at 8 p.m.

Wellsprings has conducted these community courses over the past several months—in the suburban areas such as Manyunk, Roxborough, and the Northeast. This will be the first time such a series has been offered in Center City.

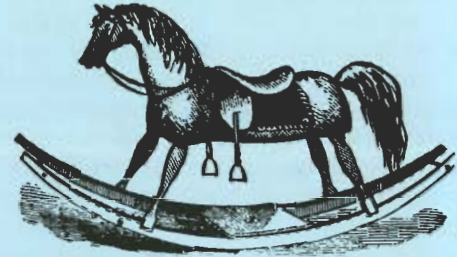
The sessions are not for the lazy or the entertainment oriented. They are aimed at challenging individuals to constructive action. The evening is broken into two parts; for example, the first hour will be devoted to a confrontation by a black militant leader. Following a short coffee break, the second half will be devoted to a dialogue between the audience and the speaker. The sessions have proved stimulating and rewarding to those who have attended.

Titles of the sessions are:

- Oct. 8 Black-White Countdown
- Oct. 15 History of White Racism
- Oct. 22 Black Power—Battlecry or Blueprint?
- Oct. 29 White Flight, Black Removal—Urban Renewal
- Nov. 5 Religious Contradiction—Ideals Versus Action
- Nov. 12 How Can We Overcome?

The Wellsprings series is being sponsored by The Society Hill Civic Assn. and nine area churches. The total cost of registration for the six evenings is \$5.00. Those wishing to make reservations should send their checks, made payable to Confrontation Course, to Christ Church, 20 N. American Street, in care of Miss Jean Huber.

Starr Playground Plans to be Reviewed October 7



Plans for rejuvenating Starr Playground at 6th and Lombard will be revealed by Recreation Commissioner Robert Crawford Monday, Oct. 7, at 7:30 p.m. in the McCall School. All interested residents are urged to attend to demonstrate their enthusiasm and concern for recreational facilities in Society Hill.

This will be a joint meeting with members of the East Lombard Street Recreational Council of which SHCA is a part, to deal specifically with the plans for Starr Garden. The architect will be present to show preliminary drawings. After the meeting, final plans will be drawn in accordance with the wishes of the community. We MUST have a large turnout, not only because Starr Garden is crucial to our needs, but to show our appreciation for the cooperation of Commissioner Crawford's Department of Recreation.

Tour Planned for University City



Area residents will have an opportunity to view 30 houses in the University City area of West Philadelphia on Sunday, Oct. 6 from 1 to 6 p.m.

Sponsored by the University City Arts League, the tour will feature a wide diversity of homes from Victorian structures to modern town houses.

Co-operating in the venture are Cedar Park Garden Court, Poweltown Village and Spruce Hill community associations and the University of Pennsylvania. Bus transportation, refreshments and tour commentary by the University City Historical Society are included in the admission charge of \$3.00. Rain date is Oct. 16. For further information telephone BA 2-4986.

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The President's Message



In the heat of the national elections, let's not lose sight of the fact that the Society Hill Civic Assn. has an election coming up too. New officers and directors will be elected in January. A nominating committee will be appointed soon to come up with candidates for the four officer and eight director positions. There is the opportunity for nominations from the floor, but this seldom happens. Therefore, the nominating committee virtually determines who is elected.

Unfortunately, the nominating committee is always hampered by the fact that nobody ever "runs" for a civic position. It's more flattering to be drafted. It's not good form to appear eager. It's embarrassing to say you want a job and then not get it.

I wanted to be nominated for president last year, but I didn't breathe a word to anybody. Even after I was nominated I played the reluctant role right up to the election. This is silly, and I confess it now in hopes that anybody who wants to run for an office or directorship this year will let the nominating committee know. And if you are nominated, then let the membership know what you plan to do. The time to make commitments is before the election! We need eager candidates, not reluctant candidates, to handle the many opportunities that are ahead of us. The nominating committee should have the pleasure of reducing a large list of candidates down to 12 rather than the chore of begging 12 people to accept nominations. The 12 jobs are important, challenging and worth running for.

Dave Stevens

BRICK-A-BRACKA

The four-legged—and fine feathered—residents of Society Hill will have their own hospital soon. According to Dr. Ted Yuhas, after numerous delays, the veterinary hospital to be built on the southeast corner of Second and Lombard, will soon get underway. When finished the facilities will provide modern and complete hospitalization for dogs, cats and birds.

Our erudite barrister Arnold Blumberg, reports that the Internal Revenue Service has assigned an Employer's Identification Number to the SHCA. A further application, with necessary accompanying exhibits, for Exemption from Income Tax has been filed and is awaiting action.

Target date for the opening of the A & P on Fifth Street is Oct. 21. (That's what they're shooting for.)

Mrs. Walter Bowker, president of the McCall's Home and School Assn., has announced a Christmas Boutique and Book Sale to be held Nov. 19. This is the night to get your Christmas shopping out of the way and meet your child's teacher at the same time.

Mrs. A. W. Brayley, curator at Powell House, would welcome "part-time, any-time" help either for gardening or assisting with groups. (No experience necessary.) If you can spare an occasional hour or two a week—or weekend—contact her at MA 7-0364.

'Twas music to our ears . . . and Joe Praissman reports a successful concert series last summer. His committee hopes to expand the series next year . . . and speaking of the Arts Committee, Mr. Praissman announced that the title of the committee under his chairmanship will be the Music Committee, to better reflect the work done by that group. Mrs. Lon Garrison, as chairman pro tem, is organizing an Arts Committee for graphic and performing arts.

Another gastronomic delight: Le Champignon, between Second and Front on Lombard, will be opening the end of October. Our roving reporter checked in with the owner, Michele Pages, and found out that there will be a cocktail lounge, separate dining room, and room for rental . . . all done in Country French decor. The menu will feature six appetizers, two soups, and six entrees. C'est bon!

GET INVOLVED. IT'S FUN.

Join the Society Hill Civic Assn. Membership is open to anyone 18 years of age or older who resides in the area bounded by the middle lines of Front, Walnut, Eighth and Lombard Streets.

Just clip out this handy coupon and send it with your check (\$4.00 for individuals, \$6.00 for families) to Membership Chairman, Society Hill Civic Assn., 503 Pine St., Philadelphia, Pa. 19106.

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ON THE BOARDS



TLA ANNOUNCES FALL SERIES

The Theatre of the Living Arts opened its season on Oct. 1 with the first of five productions, all Philadelphia premieres, imported from New York and Los Angeles. The Theater's own resident troupe, currently on tour, returns to begin its season here on Dec. 31.

The National Theater of the Deaf, opening a national tour, performs at the Theater Oct. 1-6. It appears under auspices of the Eugene O'Neill Memorial Theater Foundation.

"The Concept" arrives for a T.L.A. engagement Oct. 8-20. It is staged and sponsored by drug addicts from the Daytop Village cure center in Staten Island.

Songs and scenes in a contemporary Gallic style, "Jacques Brel is Alive and Well and Living in Paris" plays Oct. 29 through Nov. 17 at the Theatre.

The novelty in the fall packaging will be a four-character comedy by Thomas Bellin, "The Happiness Bench," direct from a Los Angeles workshop production. After T.L.A. engagement, Nov. 19 - Dec. 1, "Bench" is headed for Broadway.

Jean-Claude van Itallie's award-winning "American Hurrah," arrives for the holiday season, Dec. 3-22.

S.H.P. LAUNCHES SEASON

Popular vote dictated the 1968-69 season for the Society Hill Playhouse, which opened Sept. 25 with Samuel Becket's "Waiting for Godot." This will mark the first time the play has been presented in Center City.

T. S. Eliot's "Murder in the Cathedral" follows and will play from Oct. 30 to Dec. 14.

Fresh from the Playhouse's triumphant season as part of Action Summer '68, "The Fantastiks" is on the docket from Dec. 27, 28 and 30 and Jan. 1-25.

From Feb. 19 - March 22, the SHP will premiere in Philadelphia Gunter Grass. "The Plebians Rehearse An Uprising".

Rounding out the season will be the presentation of the "The Caucasian Chalk Circle" by Bertolt Brecht, April 9-May 17.

MINI-PLAY TO TRAVEL

Society Hill Playhouse has instituted the traveling mini-play. The first play to inaugurate this service is Genet's "The Maids". The one-act play runs 90 minutes and ostensibly is the story of two maids acting out the role of their mistress. But, a spokesman for the playhouse says, "That's like saying Moby Dick is about the white whale." In other words, it is not "light" theater to replace the usual book review at a club meeting.

It is a full scale full dress production with a completely costumed cast and scenery, and the show can be staged in small areas.

Groups who would like to raise money in a unique way, or entertain members on a grand scale, should call WA 3-0210.

Bag It, Tie It, But Don't Dump It!

Trash is everyone's problem . . . inside and out. There has been growing concern with the "outside" problem in our area, however. And, it is all too easy to blame the Department of Sanitation for the leftover milk cartons, jelly doughnuts, and assorted papers remaining in the street after trash collection.

Let's look homeward first, and remember there are a couple of rules . . . and a union to contend with.

A spokesman for the department pointed out that the Block Carts which arrive within 24 hours after trash pick up are NOT equipped to dispense with broken bags of trash and garbage and large piles of refuse.

All trash and garbage should be properly packaged for pick up. Brown paper bags are hazardous, particularly if left on the sidewalk without being tied closed. Aside from roving hungry dogs, a sudden rainstorm can weaken the bag so that it breaks when lifted.

The Department of Streets will not pick up any building materials belonging to a contractor. They will, however, pick up any material belonging to the residents, including old furniture. (There is a special truck which follows the regular one for just this purpose.) In the case of dead animals, a call to the department will bring a special wagon to your door.

Back to the union, mentioned before. The union states that no man has to lift a carton of container larger than the 20 gal. galvanized can.

The large plastic bags are regarded as highly satisfactory as they are light and can be sealed. The heavy duty paper trash containers also are satisfactory, as they too, are light and can be tied. Both are available in any grocery store at a nominal cost. And, another word of caution, tie magazines and newspapers!



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McCall School Seeks Volunteer Teachers

McCall School, your neighborhood school at 6th and Delancey, reopened this month with a total enrollment of more than 700 pupils in kindergarten through eighth grade. Of the 700, nearly 300 are from the Society Hill area—a marked increase over past years.

Actively supported by the Civic Assn. for two years, the McCall School has made remarkable strides under the principal, Abraham Tobias. Completely modernized and enlarged in 1965, the school has one of the finest physical plants in the city, boasting a new 400-seat auditorium, gymnasium, brightly lighted classrooms, language laboratories and closed circuit T.V. This year, play yard space has been enlarged 30 percent by the removal of the six story building on the northwest corner, modern shop and woodworking facilities installed and arrangements made for an all weather tennis court completed to serve both older children and the community.

One area where residents can best perform a needed and valuable service is in volunteer teaching or classroom assistance on a part-time basis. Though the regular teaching staff enjoys an excellent reputation, and "fast" sections score well on national tests, the student teacher ratio remains quite high. There is an average of 35 students per regular teacher due to city-wide budget limitations. The only way to reduce this ratio and improve educational standards through greater individual attention is by securing interested and qualified volunteers.



Area volunteers are sought in these basic areas:

Reading	Social Studies
Basic Math	Physical education
Science	Spanish
Art	Woodworking
Music	Home economics

Those interested in devoting a few hours per week to help area children plus those of our neighbors of Chinatown and to the South, are urgently requested to contact Bob Smith at MA 7-0769 so that your talents may be put to good use.

RICH EXPERIENCE LAST YEAR

Last year, spurred by solicitation by your Education Committee, 10 volunteer teachers from the neighborhood worked part-time at McCalls. Here are the experiences of two of them:

Sondra Jacobs

The General George A. McCall Elementary School is rated as one of the best elementary schools in Philadelphia. Men and women who have a desire to work with youngsters are fortunate to be welcome as part of the volunteer teaching program at McCall School. Volunteers participate in any area where they have a special interest or skill, and the time spent in this endeavor can be suited to the schedule of the volunteer as long as the volunteer is consistent in attendance.

McCall School has several outstanding programs, one of which involves teaching English to the non-English speaking children from all parts of Philadelphia. Many of these children have just arrived in our country, and McCall's doors are open to them no matter what time of year they arrive.

I work with these children and find it extremely interesting and rewarding. The program at McCall uses a unique approach that really works. We speak only English to the children, and they must respond in English. Within a remarkably short while, these children—no matter what their background or native language—begin to speak, read, and comprehend by living our language. For me it is exciting to watch—and help—this to happen. For others in our community it should be satisfying that newcomers to our shores are being guided quickly and efficiently into

the ways of our language and customs so that they can soon join our children (they usually do this within one or two years) in regular classes. These children will grow, mature, and vote along with the rest of us.

Bonnie Rapp

Having taught for six years in four different states while my husband acquired several degrees, I finally "retired" last year. I was looking forward to a rest away from students, when Bob Smith persuaded me to become a Volunteer Teacher.

I realized how much I would have appreciated such help when I was teaching, but I didn't know how much it would mean to these students who know without a doubt that they are "low man on the totem pole" academically.

I fully understood what I meant to them, when I met one little girl in my group during a fair at Head House. Maria came up to me and said "You're the lady who teaches us reading!" And I could tell by the tone of her voice that I was someone special. My being special made her special. All the kids have teachers, but only she and her little group have more than just one teacher—they also have a Volunteer Teacher.