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At the close of our first twenty six weeks we are especially grateful to the persons who have made our publication possible.

First to the advertisers, because nearly every newspaper receives a larger part of its revenue from this source.

Our subscribers who are expressing a great concern for the continued success of The Voice.

Then there are many persons to whom we are indebted for news items, suggestions and criticisms.

A contribution was received from the Helping Hand Society, with no other identification. All of these have helped to make "The Voice" a reality.

Whatever shortcomings may be encountered, we are sincere in our efforts to meet community interest, holding as our primary objective, the development of the spiritual, cultural and social life of the people herein represented.

Teen Age Chatter

Reporter Dotty Greene
Asst. Ruby Lee Harper
Asst. Loretta McWilliams



Well We've had our Spring Vacation, now it's time to continue our schooling.

Elois Finley, Loretta McWilliams, Peaches Winston, Betty Bowman and Delores Bowen will be in the Spring Program at Whittier Jr. High School, April 11th.

Some of the kids that were at the Fashion Parade were: Tony Smith, Jeannette Vinegar, Chuck Botts, Birdie Powell, Bobby Graham, Loretta McWilliams, Billy Rutherford, Doris Powell, Albert Bowen, Betty Bowman, Betty Wilson, Lopy and Vonna Finley.

Jeanne Ivory will play for the Spring Program at Everett Jr. High School.

Triple dating Monday night were Freddie Powell and Billy Mosby; Joyce Williams and Ralph Wilson; and Jeanne Malone and Bertrum Cooke.

Iona Adams will run for Civic League office. We wish her much success in her campaign.

Seen also Monday night were Lois Hatcher and Leon Wilkins; Margo Gill and Walter Bell, and Frank Nevels and Bernedine Napue.

QUESTION FOR THE WEEK

What do you plan to do for summer vacation?

Betty Bowman—Try to comb my hair.

Mary Lou Knowles—Get a job. Tony Smith—Get a job and buy some clothes.

Peaches Winston—Eat and sleep. Richard Holcomb—Dig a fox hole. Sonny Walker—Go to school. Billy Rutherford—Go to California.

Lopy Finley—Take a trip to Kansas City and have out-of-town guests.

Seen out Tuesday night were: Hazel Wilson—Leon Wilkins; Muriel Harris—Victor McWilliams and Nellie Wilson—Jonny Duncan.

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THE LABOR VIEW

By George F. McCray for ANP
The U. S. Should Help Haiti

The refusal of the U. S. State department to approve a \$20,000 loan to the little Negro republic of Haiti is of vital concern to American Negroes.

We are smart enough to realize that the success and failure of Negroes in Liberia, Haiti, Ethiopia, and elsewhere in Africa and the West Indies have a direct effect upon the status of Negroes in the United States. We judge ourselves and are judged by others by comparison with each other wherever we live.

As the world is drawn closer together by radio, air travel, cable and ship transportation, the bond between all Negroes will grow into a strong, vital force.

But Negroes in America, Haiti, Ethiopia, Liberia, in fact all over the world, need capital desperately to finance economic and social progress. Everywhere we are denied our chance for a better life because we are miserably poor and exploited.

The nearly three million people in Haiti are probably the poorest in the Americas. They are crowded together on 10,000 square miles. A substantial portion of this small area is not suitable for agricultural purposes because of its mountainous and semi-arid character.

This small country where workers earn less than 50 cents per day and where 85% of the people are unable to read or write, has a foreign debt of \$6,500,000. White American "financial advisors," acting for foreign creditors, supervise the collection of customs and other governmental revenues. They also see that interest and installments on the foreign loans are paid before anything goes to the government for its operations. This is a price Haiti pays for other loans which were of no benefit to her.

All business in the island worthy of mention is controlled by foreign interests who enjoy various special privileges that

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