

FRIENDLY ADVENTURES

Host families wanted for children from the inner city. Friendly Adventures, a co-ordinated Protestant effort, sends boys and girls, 7 - 12, to suburban and rural communities for 2 week vacations. It's a great experience for all involved. Preferably, families are wanted who can be hosts the first 2 weeks of August (4-15), so that the children may attend the Milton Interfaith Workshop mornings at the Glover School. Call Mrs. James Atkins, 696-6102, or Mrs. John Brewer, 696-8370. Please consider, seriously, sharing any two weeks of your summer with one of these children who are already hoping to get away from the city. Call the above for further information.

So What have you been doing lately?

Mrs. Evelyn McKenna just returned from Philadelphia where she participated in the National Conference on Unit, the 6th conference of its kind, which stemmed from ecumenism. A highlight was the march through the streets of 4,000 young people joined with 500 delegates of all the Christian denominations. A very busy person!

Metco

The original funding expires the end of June, but because of concerned citizens and representatives, the METCO budget, which had been cut, was restored to \$900,000 by the House. If the Senate goes along, then Metco will be able to function at the same level it did last year. This means, however, that 700 applications for Metco will go unfulfilled. Sen. Brook responded to a request from the Parent's Council to look into possibilities of federal funding.

On June 17, the Milton School Committee voted to take a second look at the Metco program and to review an earlier decision to phase out the program because of school overcrowding." They also voted that the 29 black sophomores in Milton Highschool might stay on. Superintendent of Schools, Mr. E. Davis Woodbury was asked to "affirmative and expressive" action in reviewing school enrollment to make admission of black children possible in some of the lower grades. Mr. Ambrose Nangerone, said, on behalf of the MHRF, "We hate to see a break in the continuity of the METCO program. We feel that it is important to the success of the program that a few students be taken in each year so that there is continuous involvement for all students."

On May 20, the annual dinner of the MHRF was held at East Congregational Church. Members and guests were many, food delicious and speakers interesting. Mr. Ulysses Shelton, and Miss Jean Scheinfeldt, both candidates for the Boston School Committee, stressed community control in their platforms. This concept, as described by them, involves concerned parents initiating and participating in the formation of educational programs relevant to their children. These programs might differ, depending on their locations in the greater Boston area, and the needs in them. Vocational training should also have a more realistic basis. Also, there is a real necessity to open up the lines of communication between teachers, parents and students. Presently, communication is poor and misunderstandings abound. These people will be looking for your help, with funds and leg work.

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