

Mosque No. 25 Committee benefit aids Clara Muhammad School

By Samir Id-Deen
(Special to Bilalian News)
NEWARK, N.J. — The combined committees of Muhammad Mosque No. 25 in Newark recently presented a successful benefit fashion show and dinner to raise funds for the local Sister Clara Muhammad Elementary school.

Coordinated by Sisters Sharonda Salaam and Farahah El-Amin the benefit was held at one of Newark's most elegant hotels. Participants were attracted from all levels of the community who were interested in ensuring that the educational programs being offered by the World Community of Islam in the West (WCIW) continued to function.

The principal invited speaker, Dr. J. Harry Smith, president of Essex County Community College, opened the dinner appropriately enough by praising the wisdom of the late Honorable Master Elijah Muhammad (peace and blessings) in laying the foundation for a solid meaningful education for the youth of the nation.

IMPORTANT IMPACT

Dr. Smith explained the importance of the impact that the WCIW had made in upgrading and improving the skills of students who might otherwise have been lost in the sometimes inadequate maze of



NEWARK, N.J. Board of Education President Bro. Carl Dawson, host of benefit fashion show and dinner for Sister Clara Muhammad Elementary School of Mosque No. 25.

the public school system and who without the alternatives offered by the World Community of Islam possibly would be under-educated and under-utilized by their own society.

The contributions and concepts given to students at Sister Clara Muhammad Elementary School are innumerable, Smith said, and the benefits derived by the community — from the family through politics — could be seen as graduates of the system began to exert their influence in the community.

The host for the evening was President of the Newark Board of Education Bro. Carl 9X Dawson who himself, as an aide to Mayor Kenneth A. Gibson, is an example of what the World Community of Islam can produce to contribute to the total society. Dawson introduced Assistant Minister of Education Clyde El-Amin, principal of Sister Clara Muhammad Elementary School in Chicago, to the guests and he spoke of what was actually taking place in the various schools throughout the nation, placing emphasis on Chief Imam W.D. Muhammad's teachings of the importance of developing the mind.

El-Amin had traveled from Chicago with WCIW Organizational President Dr. Abdul Salaam to attend the affair and he also graced the audience with a few choice words of explanation about the changes being made within the WCIW and the direction that the Honorable W.D. Muhammad has chosen for all of society to follow.

Dr. Salaam in his address, answered some of the questions on the minds of guests such as the use of the name Bilalian, why the name change to World Community of Islam in the West, and the change of titles from minister to Imam.

UNIVERSALITY SEEN

A surprise speaker at the gala affair was Chairman of the Propagation Committee for the Ahmadiyyan in Guyana, Ishmael Ali, a personal friend of Chief Imam W.D. Muhammad who expressed the unity and love being promoted by the WCIW and how he fully expected that it would eventually spread throughout the entire world.



PART OF LARGE crowd attending recent fashion show and dinner to benefit Sister Clara Muhammad Elementary School held at Newark N.J. elegant Robert Treat Hotel. Affair was sponsored by the combined committees of Mosque No. 25.

The evening's highlight was a fashion show featuring the Zahiyah Models, all of whom are members of the WCIC, who were assisted by famed fashion coordinator Emily Miles. Most observers were surprised to see the kind of garments being worn by

Muslim sisters, who in the past had been so easily distinguishable by the long conservative-looking uniforms and the traditional headpeices. The oohs and aahs were heard throughout the audience as one after another, the models displayed their tastfully

modern garments that represented the new look in current fashion and the somewhat liberated appearance of the Muslim woman. Lounge-wear, sportswear, outer-wear and evening attire were the most applauded items on display.

Flint Mosque launches adult education program

By Patricia Nadir

FLINT, Mich. — A complete adult education program, under the direction of George X Moss and Imam George Hameed, has started at Mosque No. 53's Bilalian Community Center in Flint.

Classes in Arabic, mathematics, English, and psychology were offered for the first time during September. Some of the classes will help students earn credits toward a high school diploma. The entire program has been made available not only to the Muslim community but also to the general public at a nominal cost, and in some cases free of charge.

Adult education teachers have been drawn from the public school system on a voluntary basis. They include: George X Moss, who teaches history at Beecher High School; Doreen Salaam, a new teacher in the Flint school system; Robert Eid, a native of Lebanon who now teaches in the Beecher system; Ruth Majied, a recent University of Michigan graduate; and Ronald Simpson, a mathematics teacher at Carpenter Road School.

"It's beautiful to see Muslims and non-Muslims working together as a team," remarked a student, referring to the spirit of cooperation amongst the program's teachers.

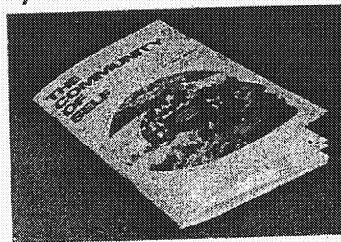
Although classes have just begun, the adult education program has been in the mind of co-founder, George

Hameed, for a long time. When the Chief Imam of the World Community of Islam in the West, (WCIW) the Honorable W.D. Muhammad, first began to suggest an educational

outreach to the community, Imam Hameed formed an Implementation Committee. After six months of hard work and planning, the program has become a reality.

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