

Neighborhood House Speaker Stresses Communication Need

PLAINFIELD — "Today's fight should not be for integration but for dignity. We've been integrated for a long time and we will continue to be integrated, like it or not. We should evaluate the individual human being."

Judge William H. Booth, former chairman of the Human Rights Commission of New York City and currently a judge of the New York Criminal Court, made these remarks before 225 persons last night in the Arbor Inn, Piscataway, at the annual dinner of Plainfield's Neighborhood House.

The judge stressed the importance of communication between individuals and groups. "What affects one affects all others," he said. "We have a stake in the livelihood of every-

one around us, and the problems of the big city are the problems of the little city."

Booth also called for youth to be active in community affairs and for older people to make an effort to understand young people.

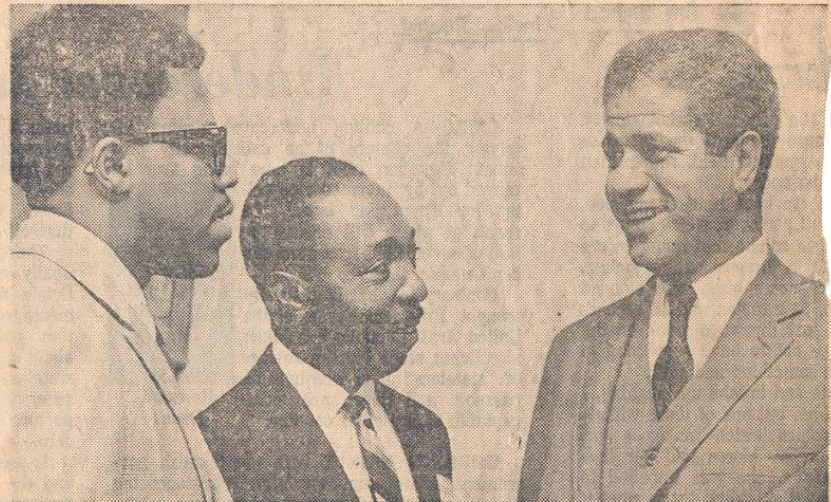
"Remember, the youth of today did not live in our world, but we do live in theirs," he pointed out. "While adults criticize and try to guide the younger generation, they must try to learn about kids and try to understand them before coming to the conclusion that they are completely wrong."

Herbert Love Jr. was master of ceremonies. Freeman Whetstone, chairman of the board of directors, welcomed the audience and Oliver J. Bartlett, executive director of Neigh-

borhood House, introduced the staff.

"Neighborhood House is a force in the black community and therefore interested in the community at large," said Bartlett. "We must deal with change in the community and at the same time be a part of the change."

William Gary, program supervisor, presented awards to Robert E. Brown and Robert J. Brown for their work with teenagers and gave Miss Hazel Williams a citation for outstanding scholarship. The Rev. Michael Moran of St. Mary's Church gave the benediction.



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ANNUAL DINNER — Principals in Neighborhood House's annual dinner last night discuss the urban crisis. From the left are William H. Booth, program supervisor at Neighborhood House; Freeman Whetstone, chair-

man of its board of directors; and Judge William H. Booth, former New York City Human Relations Commissioner and currently a criminal court judge.