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Rheonaw Bears:

Free Rest. - 1959:

Harrowneit: "constant"

- * ~~set~~ They said it was impossible to have our sort of free rest in city - Kid of Wlth did just permit
- * started out abt. - 300 people
- 2,000 a week * * *

The thing abt it was that when a person came in regardless of when he came from or whether cond. was we only acted as guest - see see # to get around if it came through. Now the other members in the town were very upset abt this bec they wd make them go in & they had to kneel & pray for an hour & then they had to wait for an hour before they cd eat. Prof. as a lot of incidents threats & so on. If they wanted to stay overnight wd charge them & that was why they exploded the people - used pen to get their work done. We did all the work, some helped on volunteer basis from time to time bec they wanted to not see they had to. When we had our meeting near 5 pm when we opened the rest we got a lot of threats. We had a ^{cleaned} commissary - ~~to get~~ & a ~~free~~ grocery commissary - ppl cd get any kind of food, clothing

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They wanted. Over we had a work program
Even we we gain, pd wd send unemployed people
out & wd' d get 'em jobs. It just grew
by leaps & bounds to the ^{of kind of} point where the
disciple came & we had an ^{of kind of} advantage
of ideas apt ~~have~~ to expand
A Colored white Jew was in Brazil

Harassment:

"One didn't see & remember they chased
him down the hill took ~~it~~ ^{it} & held
of him & took his clothes ~~and~~ ^{and} ~~off~~ ^{off}
from him. That was back at the time when
they'd shot at him, & hit him on the head
with rocks. all types of harassment they got
~~him~~

Q Was that at the time they were running nuns home
to

"Yes ~~both~~ going at the same time -

Nancy Home 2137 Alabama St, Ind. Ind.

College Ave Ind. Ind.

"He wd fear of ^{the} that didn't have
any money & he'd go get them & take them
in & give 'em 1st class ~~the~~ ^{the} case. He
got a lot of harassment from Ohio
Ppl in other nuns homes up at the

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He went to Indiana Union & Buxton land

Wings of Deliverance Inc. → Over into Principles
in 1958-59. Agnes 10 yrs.

Adopted Agnes when he was 21. He was always
doing something ~~that~~ Any injustice he always
took action.

How got Agnes... "Real mother had her
in the closet all day... They ^{found} out abt
it & ~~was~~ persuaded her to let them have
Agnes. I don't know much abt her father. Her
mother was humble" ~~Agnes~~

Her + Stephanie: Put in for adoption (Fund) -

her - 18 mo. Stephanie: older.

"We had a big celebration one night that they
brought them" - "her was malnourished... big
stomach - had malnutrition."

Haircut: ~~She had a haircut~~ "When they got
Jimmy they spit on Maudeine. ~~It was~~ she was

I think that was the 1st ad. of a black
child by white parents in the Indiana. It
was in the city (Ind.) but I think I was the
very 1st on the radio also. And so they had a

big argument - phrase calls: "praying for him
to die" a lot of religious people. Want safe

for M. to go out c the children. I mean

And when one child was
had to go out to her. Even in the neighborhood. ~~At~~
~~Saturday~~, and she said they had to wait and open very
closely. People were so prejudiced. It was terrible,
like you'd have some girl come by and get
children."

Prayer:

"When we was in Brazil the children would come around
~~the~~ We made clothing for them & fed them. We'd feed the
food & there'd be lines blocks long. Every child
that came through got something to eat. He fed a lot
of people in Brazil."

"When it was time to eat, they'd
all start gathering..."

Youth:

Worked in hospital at 12 on head and neck.

Woman (Mrs. Kennedy) used to feed them when
she & mother was out to work. (She's abt 90 now).
Two yrs ago when trip east went bar to visit. He
saw her again, other ppl. Talked to all old
~~the~~ people.

"We had all mine buses drive up & had the
police come out to see what we was doing."

"Went to ~~gathered~~ ~~gathered~~ When his relatives were
brought ~~of~~ ~~gathered~~ & I don't know they probably
had to ~~of~~ ~~gathered~~ w/ big weapons on the ground. He'd
take the weapons off & put them on the ground of the
poor people who didn't have any. He said: "You're here
now to enjoy the flowers. They don't need them anyway."

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House - 6-8 ft from N.W. corner

Very - old weather paint peeled off
Aunt's room - a big red buddy - like
feed store. "When the box was closed
they'd spell given & he'd go & miss that
up to feed his animals. "He'd go
down to the N.W. corner to get by cool
then never was swept - dirt & the water
line a lot of times then was in the
beds"

Depot at Des Moines

Pool room: He wd go by the pool room everyday
bec. The old man who ran the pool would put
rat poison out for the rats. He'd go by &
clear ^{away} the poison & ~~talk~~ talk to them ^{they'd} ^{get} ^{well}
then the old man'd curse him & curse him
away saying he didn't want him down there
praying for those damn rats to getty them
well."

"I remember one lady that he spoke at that
was so nice to the children all the time.
But on Halloween they caught her on the
outside toilet. He found the toilet one
~~by~~ ^{and} her in it. ~~Oh~~ ^{Oh} ~~was~~ ^{was} she must've
pleaded for mercy for to get her out of there.
She was so religious. He never cursed
himself but I guess he got some words out
that night."

One evening ^{his} ~~mother~~ ^{mother} saw him coming w/ a beam to the
iron upstairs. ^{he} ~~he~~ ^{he} crawled under the bed. And so when he
got in the house he said "Now come on down +
get out from under that bed, we got company!"

"That Jones is in town." "They only had 3 poles over there +
I had all three over with us!"
Only so many'd get off buses at one time here town
so small. ~~the~~ Mostly the older black people - ~~the~~ wanted
them to see where he came from.

One Test:

"People'd complain bec of smell that'd
drift upstairs - said they'd get ^{if they} ~~chuck~~ ^{chuck} that was
the beam of God + they'd ~~disturb~~ ^{disturb}
want it striking from cottage!"
They were abt ready to throw us out of ^{the} ~~the~~ ^{the} people
the basement.

"You met all types of people there were people in
degrees + people in no education"

"The people would sometimes almost be
frozen to death + they wd. come..."

"We always had lots of food... they'd have
seconds... We'd fix it up!"

They'd start coming early in the morning - they'd
line up around 7:30 for lunch... they'd help
unload the groceries there were people there all
the time.

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"When I had Ellie they had at their baby
I was pregnant all that time they take
them today too..."

But Beedman's Chartered Interest

Jim always stood up for the minority people
(every place he ever been I can remember going
into a community one time where he told
the young people not to go to a certain place
a 3 day wldg. He told us exactly when to go &
when we were there what we could find & when we
go there we found an old lady crying. Given
that it is a church + now that she said no
one (nobody) would visit her. She said she
had no friends, no one came to see her.
No body loved her. & Jim just reached down
in his pocket & grabbed a word of \$ & laid
it on the table & gave it to her. He had young ppl
went to visit her + take her shopping, clean her
house. Didn't require that she go to church
Didn't ask her what her job was etc

(Another time); 16th + W. St. -> integrated neighborhood
~~today~~ Jim had Mrs. don't want to be in there.
(like) Jim ~~but~~ young ppl ^{went} go out - cleaned
up whole area - picked up trash = pass out
leaflets abt upcoming community elections,
issues - ~~1st~~ 1st time remember going down

(Lynn-Indiana- Randolph Cty E. Ind. - 16 mi. N of Richmond
grow poultry livestock, clover mfg.

Pop 1,149 - today

Near Economy, Ind. (site of W.C. Hooper
community)

Carlyle Cty:

Pop 1870: 28,434

1950: 27,141

Lynn laid out in 1847 - prospered after the
Ind - Bellefontaine RR completed in 1852.
Now quiet & quiet center for farmers.
Inclusion of US 27 in Lynn.

Inside a basement when they had this dining
room. One man a while heard of some children
(~~like~~ like) being noisy, took clothes -
bewildered & unhappy & asked like no body
wanted them all sitting there. I came down &
he had tears in his eyes, & he asked them what was
the matter, & they replied "we have no place to
play." Jim sent out some of the paper - cleared
out a whole lot & Jim went down & talked to
some of the businessmen & had them build
a little recreational park like. That really
touched me deeply.

~~It interested Jim~~ There was one particular
house in the area. It was in terrible terrible
condition & Jim & the young people went there
& we painted it & cleaned it & fixed it up.
Although none of our members & none

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of our people lived there. I'm just can't see
living ppl live there - so we fixed it up +
made it a decent place to live.

~~Dr. Martin Luther King~~

Harassment Investigation

He had this big church on 116th & Del -
he had this nice restaurant. Huge huge
meals got big plates. I can remember that
Jim had us go around + deliver coal
to poor black & white people in the winter.
He never got a \$ + they never came to
church + order. + also he wd take in buses
& give them jobs + clothes + a place to stay.
~~And then~~ The city wd send ppl to our
church to get help. We'd go into church to
dead + help out.

One minister came there died up like a
framp. After they ate they wd order come to
church as next as they passed. He wanted to
find out what the service was like.

Jim always insisted that we integrate w/
those transients. People had a tendency to want
to sit on one side of the church + let them
sit on another side. He kept crying that people
mingle w/ those people - ~~many~~

↓
(Jim knew he wanted one of "our fella" as he called
him. When the man got up to leave he stopped him
on the aisle & told him (from the pulpit) "Guess
you have all the free food you want" "You're not one
of our fella. You're - in our way. You're here
to spy on us. Well, you can have all the
free food you want, but just stay out of our
business."

There was a lot of mischief that used to happen to us.
For one thing they were jealous. Because Jim always had
crowds. Lots & lots of people used to come. Church
was always so full you could hardly get in.
Jim was in his home one time & they threw one
of those Molotov cocktails ^{at} him. They got the dog. He
went out there. [add details] ^{etc.} Another time people
went up & down the street in front of his home
singing these vulgar songs directed at him.
They had animals (skinned cats, etc.)

(Beat die)

They wd throw stuff in through the window.
All kinds of telephone calls day + night -
White people harassing him - didn't like his
living in ghetto.

I remember one time he was at the church +
he got out of the car + some guy come up to him
+ stabbed him. Jim turned around + wanted
him + said "You'd be alright" + the guy
was ~~so~~ dumbfounded. He was more concerned
about that guy than himself. Didn't pers
change.

Stalking at house: Agnes. The man came from the
side of house + stabbed him in the chest + left him
on the steps ("X" on his chest)

Another time we was in church. Some one
put ~~off~~ ground glass in his food.

Herzog's Interview

"One time he took us to buy just a restaurant here. what
serve blacks. One time somebody come in there + they
fired him to come through the bar door. Jim pushed
out abt it and hit the ceiling. They finally ended
up integrating it. - In fact the whole chess
event in there + had. sort of a sit-in dinner."

~~END~~
~~He was in the hospital for some time. He was in the hospital for some time. He was in the hospital for some time.~~

END HOSPIT... he was so out of his mind before
he wd lay down in bed. He wdnt even sit
down + rest. He kept walking up + down the
hall demandly that they move beds.
Before it was moved they were moving
beds from one room to the other + it
was totally integrated before he lay
down

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He was walking down these steps + he had the Bible
in his hand + he got halfway down the steps + all
of a sudden he took the Bible + threw it down +
said "That's it! That's it! The letter killed me but
the spirit gives me life + he stomped on the
Bible + he said from now on I'm going
to tell the people all that."

And he died, ⁸⁸⁻²⁻²¹⁻⁸⁸ boy he really let them have it.

Hayrides: I can remember I took young people who had never been out of the city on hayrides... for the 1st time in a lot of kids lives they were out in nature. It was really beautiful ~~to be~~ to see the birds & ~~and~~ the stations & drink the fresh cold water & breathe the clean air. Besides in the city it was so smoggy ~~in~~ "He gave all these children this-headed this gentle of life."

Nursing Homes

I'm going to my 1st class at work. Taught me all about nursing. I can't really write when I first came to church. Was willing to give some the done -

Two story building Totally integrated -
When I first came there. One thing that stood out to me was the beautiful meals they had -
All they eat. Fresh fruits, veg. The very best of meats - steak. Pot. cooked fresh. Very best of crops. ~~had~~ completely changed every day or more. Ev. patients clothes ~~changed~~.
Just patient there was RN on every shift. Never a time when any aide on floor w/out RN supervision. (24 patients - 1 RN.) (5-6 aides)

for 24 people)

Aides best paid - \$2.00 an hr. when others were getting 75¢ & \$1.00. He wd. also help the aides out of court cases. One time he personally paid for the divorce of one aide who had been brutalized by her husband. Went to ct. for her & testified. Helped them w/ \$ when they needed it - ~~also~~ helped pay their bills etc.

Complete bed bath every day at least once.

The nurses & the nurse aides there never knew the people that were in it anything about the people that were. Each person was treated exactly the same no matter where they came from or how much \$ they had. [One hosp't would send us the worst cases - eaten down to the bone & bedsores. But they knew Jim'd take care of them.] One lady had been there for years - got the very best care & never paid a cent per day & none of us nurses knew it. I didn't find out till after I stopped working there. So I know this is true." Every patient got indiv. care. We were never told that we shouldn't talk to the patients. It was such a friendly atmosphere. There was plenty for the patient to do - sewing, embroidery, knitting, quilting, & ruffleboard.

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Jim used to ~~come~~^{live} in ⁸¹⁻⁸² near his finger along
the base tracks & if they weren't spotted then
we'd catch hell

The yard was beautiful - flower garden
He wd have the young ppl come in &
sing or play music & talk to them
and out selves - sep either

Each one got Xmas gifts + birthday gifts
Every one big birthday cake - even if
Dishwater - wd make special preparations
for " " "

Always had all the food, juice they wanted -
Cakes, crackers, ice cream. We had fun
jobs & play checkers w/ them.

Jim'd come through at night to check
Janes washed, hair combed, teeth
washed - always - every day kids to be
neat + clean [Most of us enjoyed our
time so much it was like one
continuous break]

Jim enjoyed us so really get friendly
w/ the patients.

" I remember one time there was this little
man + this little woman + they had a
cub on each other. ~~So~~ One was downtown
+ one was upstairs. + this little old man
wd make his way upstairs to see his friend.

Well, Jim found out abt it & so he arranged
It so the whole man was moved up to the
next floor - he made it easier for them to
he ^{together} ^{sneering} ^{instead of} ^{up} ^{the}
side ^{of} ^{the} ^{building} abt it, & it was so sweet.

~~Jim~~

~~Jim~~

Insisted on being fed best food -> fish whole
piece - glasses filled up to the top. Cereal
- cooked fast every morning. Big slabs of
best meat & he didn't eat that well himself
for patients

Used pure veg. shortening - not lard. He didn't
take the easy way out. He must've lost
\$ bec he was continuously making sure
the patients ~~had~~ had the best. The expense didn't matter to
him.

In fact other people from Springfield
home came in & asked him "how can you
afford to do this?" & Jim said - "Well, we're
not making a profit. We're here to serve
people, not to serve ourselves."

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Agnes

adopted - Feb. 28th 1952 - legal adop done 1953.

he was 21

He had taken the job as ^{links} pastor in the Methodist church - They needed a preacher + he happened to have enough college to qualify for the job. ^{So} That's how he entered the ministry.

First sermon, he never mentioned "God" once

We ~~then~~ started youth group. (Becky -)

Nobody else was doing this. Put in dinner went door to door to collect \$ for this

Document

"It was nothing to put up the phone + leave. That night long bastard ~~isn't~~ ^{isn't} come home."

1961 - went to Brazil

We never had a dull moment. We were always doing something. I can't never remember ever being bored. I remember one time they were going somewhere + I didn't want to go - I would stay home + watch TV. + Daddy said no. That he had a feeling that I should ^{not} stay in the house - they might one day to Edna C. - Subsequently, the late one house was torn into by ravens and ~~was~~ ^{completely} "ransacked."

Adopt in Feb. - I was 10 yrs old + in the 1st grade, ready to flunk out again. So they only

I couldn't say anything I didn't even know how to pronounce my own name.

od full sure to they showed history, ready & speak
Receipt - they took me to all the specialists.

~~But~~ I can never remember him sleeping or resting. I ^{we} never seen him go into a store & buy anything. I can't remember him even buying shoes or Mother didn't buy him anything. I remember after they had bought my new clothes for me (I didn't have any then when I came) a couple days later he was in the check for buy the things sale for clothes for himself. I remember it quite well.

He used to go to Aeromate every week. We always travelled. He was always outspoken.

Always while we were in the hospital

"It was never us 3 + no more. There was always room for one more. There was always somebody. Never a dull moment."

"He was quite a busy man I can never remember him being an idle man."

"We lived small but in the middle of the ghetto" he said. He only amusement park there - Riveirdo (they had allowed blacks in only 1 day a wk.) He fought w/ them +

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mystified + finally laid down ultimatum
"I was integrated."

A lot of harassment from religious people.
Bucks, bottles filled & sold.

Sign on gas tanks

~~the~~
Free Nest: Can you imagine going to ch. - all these
people in their ^{highly polluted} fancy dresses all these
bums standing around waiting for their
free meat?!

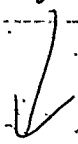
Neasy Home

He gave a lot of free medicine

Went to church - he'd make rounds in the
neighborhood, picking up all the kids in the
st. " who wanted to go - could be
stuffed."

"Animals... we always had animals in a
white house. Always saw the animals were
taken care of."

People they took in: John in several
~~from~~ ~~from~~ - from persons -



~~Clara~~
Catherine

One ~~body~~ ^{girl} Carol Cole A - I never wd.
press charges (\$6,000). Kept her from
going to jail.

Order put her on night school (Goddie) -
merry school

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