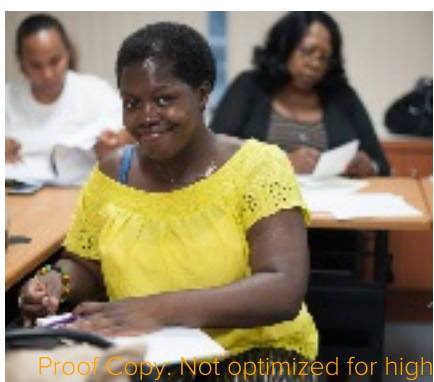




Dear Friends,

A handwritten signature in black ink on a light-colored, textured background. The signature reads "David M. Novent" in a cursive script. The first name "David" is written with a large, sweeping initial 'D'. The middle initial "M." is smaller and follows the first name. The last name "Novent" is written in a similar cursive style with a prominent 'N' and a trailing flourish.



1895: Union Settlement begins serving the neighborhood of East Harlem.

1900: Union Settlement grows to serve 3,000 East Harlem residents each year.

1915: In response to economic crisis, Union Settlement relief work, such as bandage rolling and rug making, to 300 unemployed East Harlem residents.

1930: Jobs are created to upgrade Union Settlement's building.

1932: Birth Control Clinic opens at Union Settlement.

1942: Union Settlement initiates one of the first "Old Age" programs in New York City.

1943: Union Settlement opens School-Age Day Care for children of working mothers.



1955: A Community Center and a Day Care Program open at Washington Houses, a large public housing project in East Harlem. Then and now, Washington Houses Community Center is home to our Youth Services program.

1957: Union Settlement Federal Credit Union opens its doors for business. The credit union, a financial cooperative, is East Harlem's first alternative banking system.

1964: The Union Settlement building at 237 East 104 Street is demolished. Reconstruction begins at the same location on a new Main Building, Leggett Memorial Children's Center and Gaylord White House, which provides apartments for low-income older adults. Today, Gaylord White also houses our Gaylord White Senior Center.

1964: Our College Readiness Program is founded.

1965: Union Settlement becomes the site of one of the country's first Head Start Programs, the federally sponsored preschool initiative launched as one of the Great Society undertakings.



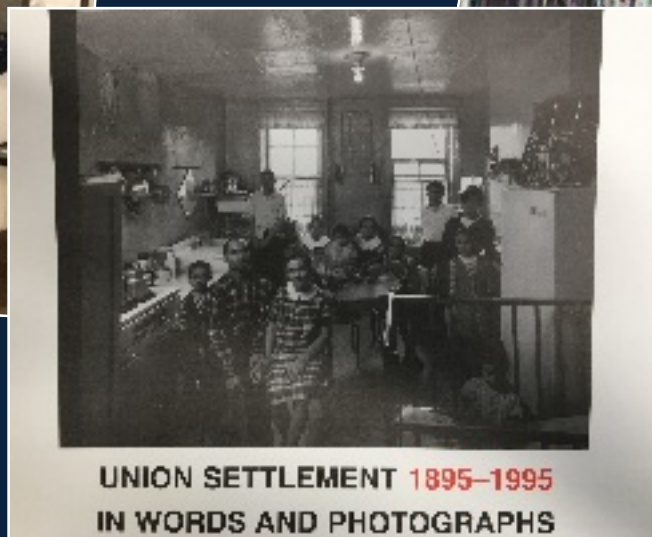
1972: Adult Education classes, Literacy and Home Management programs are established.

1982: Union Settlement assumes responsibility for both James Weldon Johnson Counseling Center, which still operates today under our Mental Health Services Program, and the East Harlem Council for Senior Centers, which is now part of our Senior Services program.

1984: After years of offering individual literacy classes, Union Settlement launches its Adult Education program.

1992: Union Settlement opens the community garden, El Sitio Feliz (“The Happy Place”) on East 104th Street.

1995: Union Settlement celebrates its Centennial Anniversary. The Museum of the City of New York presents an exhibition featuring photographs, publications and memorabilia from Union Settlement past and present.



2000: In partnership with the New York Academy of Medicine, Union Settlement develops a preschool-based pediatric asthma monitoring and intervention program that becomes the model for all child care providers in New York City.

2007: Union Settlement Youth Services launches programs for disconnected youth and young fathers; both programs serve as models for other New York City social service providers.

2011: The inaugural Joan H. Tisch Community Health Prize is awarded to Union Settlement for its accomplishments in urban public health.

2014: The Union Settlement Business Development Center is established.

2020: Union Settlement celebrates 125 years of serving East Harlem. The 125th Anniversary Endowment Fund is established.



Dear Mr. Jillett: We want your cooperation in collecting the volume
of your classmate record found in this volume. I am sending enclosed
to the independent members of the Alumni Club, the President and Board
and the Secretary of the volume as given in the catalogue. Would it be well to
send it to other - and have you a classified list? We want to get that before
the next issue and as soon as possible.

THE UNION SETTLEMENT ASSOCIATION.

At least once and as soon as possible. No. 11. Can you make any sug-
gestions? Yours truly, A. S. Adams

April 14/11

I.—OFFICERS OF THE ASSOCIATION.

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Rev. J. F. TALCOTT
Rev. W. L. THACHER.
Rev. GARLAND E. WHITE.

II.—CONSTITUTION.

NAME.

Section 1. The name of this organization shall be the Union Settlement Association.

OBJECT.

Section 2. The object of this Association shall be the maintenance of Seminars in New York City for the instruction and education of the youth of Jesus Christ of the principles of his life and along the lines of educational, moral, and religious activity.

MEMBERS.

Section 3. Any person may be elected a Life Member of this Association on the payment of five dollars. Any person may be elected an Active Member of this Association by the vote of the Council upon paying annually the sum of five dollars. Life and Active Members shall be entitled to vote and to receive all the reports and publications issued by the Association.

Students in Theological Seminars shall, upon election, be entitled to Associate Membership upon the payment of three dollars annually. Associate Members shall be entitled to receive the reports of the Association, but shall not vote.

OFFICERS.

Section 4. The officers of this Association shall be a President, a Vice President, a Secretary, a Treasurer, and a Council.

THE COUNCIL.

Section 5. The Council shall consist of the Officers of this Association, a member of the Board of Directors of Third Theological Seminary, a member of the Faculty of Union Theological Seminary, a member of the Alumni Club of Union Theological Seminary, a representative from each of the Theological Classes of Union Theological Seminary, and five others.

*The members of the Council shall be elected annually, who shall be in office for a period of three years.

COMMITTEES.

Section 6. The Council shall make their own by laws and elect their own officers. They shall have general control of the affairs of the Association.

HOUSE COMMITTEES.

Section 7. A House Committee shall be appointed by the Council, it shall have executive direction of the House, subject to the control of the Council. The Workers and Students Committees of the House Committee.

*To avoid all misunderstandings, the Council has adopted the following resolutions for the purpose of the Association. "The purpose of this Association is not to be a club or a society, which would compete with a social, athletic organization, but to afford to every the opportunity to engage their work in serious religiousness and to be part of the work of Jesus Christ, to bring his people to their hearts, and cooperating, to every possible way with the religious and educational work already carried on there."

Union Settlement's founding
constitution, 1895.

III.—PRESENT STATUS.

On January 22nd, 1893, at a meeting of the Alumni Club, of Union Seminary, the Union Settlement Association was founded. In February following a preliminary circular was issued, setting forth the object and the constitution of the Society. Since that time the Council has been actively engaged in studying the field, and preparing plans for active work. Correspondence has been had, in reference to warden, wardeness, and methods of work, with residents in existing settlements, as well as with other persons who seemed to be in a position to afford information. A Committee of the Council have personally investigated the claims of needy districts, and under their direction, Mr. R. A. Ashworth, a member of the Council, and a former resident of the University Settlement, has made a careful canvass of special sections of the city, both on the East and West Sides. As a result of careful deliberation, both at stated meetings and through committees, the Council believe the time ripe for beginning active work, and accordingly has adopted the following plan.

1st.—Site. It is proposed that the Association establish its first Settlement on the East Side, in the district between 84th and 104th Streets, east of Third Avenue. This site is chosen, rather than others, named, if not altogether as needy, because it seems to offer conditions particularly favorable for Settlement work. These conditions are as follows:

- a.—A large and crowded population.
- b.—A poor and needy population.
- c.—A district ill supplied with religious, educational and remedial agencies.
- d.—Relative lack of conditions. While it is true here as well as elsewhere in the city, that the population is rapidly increasing, and its permanent changing, the geographical conditions are such as to render the district likely to remain permanently the centre of a transient, loose population.

2.—Comparative nearness to the Seminary, thus making it possible for auxiliary workers to reach the field with little loss of time.

3rd.—Workmen. It is proposed that the work be begun by a band of Seminary students, under the direction of one of their own number.

The reasons which lead the Council to recommend this action, rather than the engagement as head worker, of some person wholly unconnected with the Seminary, are the following:

- a.—The impossibility of obtaining at this time from without, a person in all respects suitable for the work.
- b.—The avoidance of increasing our budget at the start by a heavy salary charge.

On the other hand, the conditions are particularly favorable for beginning work with a band of student workers.

a.—The Council is fortunate in being able to secure as head worker for the coming year, the services of Mr. William K. Millson, a member of the next senior class. Mr. McCord is a graduate of annual meetings, who has had practical experience in Settlement work, first as a reader in the University Settlement, more recently as head worker in the Phelps Settlement in East 35th Street.

b.—Besides Mr. Millson, a number of other men now in the Seminary, have had practical experience in Settlement Work under the direction of the Settlement Committee of the Union Seminary Society for Christian Work, from Oct. for 1892-3, pp. 25-26). Many of these men are ready on the opening of the Union Settlement, either to go of their own volition, or to head such workers as may be necessary. The number of such men, who can be placed in the field will depend largely upon the character of the response to this appeal.

c.—Our plan includes the co-operation, so far as practicable, both of residents and non-residents of each of our workmen, unconnected with the Seminary, so may be interested in practical Christian work along their own lines.

d.—Expenses. The estimated expense for the first year is \$3500, divided as follows:

Rent,	\$2,000
Furnishing,	500
Salary,	500
Running expenses,	1,000
Stipends,	500
TOTAL,	\$3,500.

e.—Timey beginning. It is proposed that the work begin on or about May 1st, 1893.

f.—Success. It is manifestly impossible for a few men, however interested, to carry to a successful issue, such a work as we contemplate. Success can be assured only by the hearty co-operation, financial as well as personal,

1.—Of a large number of the Alumni of the Seminary.

2.—Of other friends of the movement.

Without such co-operation we shall not feel justified in beginning the work.

3rd.—Appeal. On the basis of the above facts, the Council, in behalf of the Association, makes an appeal to the Alumni of the Seminary and to all others who are in sympathy with our object, to join with us in making its speedy accomplishment possible.—It is desired that the workers are ready, waiting to be called, but the truth is, not them to work. We appeal upon all, whether members or former, who are interested in our plan:

a.—To join the Association. (Give \$5.00 a year. Stipends in the Seminary \$2.00.)

b.—To circulate this appeal among their parishioners and friends.

The membership dues are readily placed, too, so that all who are interested are called to join. Large subscriptions and individual aids are, however, greatly needed. Hence we appeal to all who are able, not to limit their contribution to \$5.00, but to subscribe to the Association according to their means.

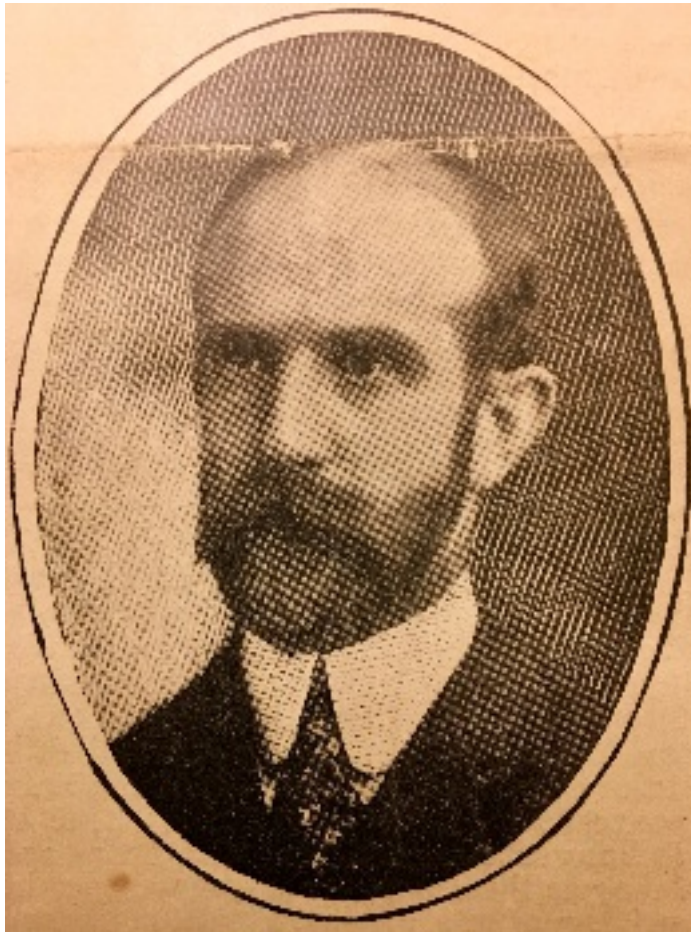
Our hundred dollar certificates will number, and certify the giver to all reports and publications of the Society.

Applications for membership should be made to the Secretary, Rev. Howard E. Bliss, Upper Manhattan, N. Y.

Signed in behalf of the Council,

FRANCIS BROWN,	GAVELIN S. WHITE,
JOHN TRUSSY BROWN,	J. MORRISON YALCOTT,
CLEVELAND D. DORRIS,	A. H. MARLNEY,
T. W. HIGGINS,	RUBEN A. ASHWORTH,
W. H. SHAW BROWN,	HOWARD E. BLISS,

Continued



Union Settlement's first "Headworker,"
Rev. William E. McCord.

RESIDENTS	
From May, 1895, to April, 1902	
1895	W. E. McCord, W. T. Holmes, Mr. and Mrs. Samuel M. Fairfield, Charles H. Warner, H. Willard Johnson.
1896	Mr. and Mrs. A. H. Fish, James A. Lawrie, Jr., David B. Melick, Mr. and Mrs. Gerald B. Smith, Miss M. Rosamond McCord.
1897	F. W. Barber, B. M. Steele, J. P. Clyde, Mr. and Mrs. Porter Paddock, Miss Paddock.
1898	Miss Matthews, Mr. and Mrs. R. L. Irving, Miss May R. Jennings, Miss Abby Grace Cornell, P. Waldo Jones, James N. McCord, Fred S. Dole.
1899	*Mrs. Helen G. Moore, Mrs. F. S. Dole, *Miss Florence B. Bennett, Rev. L. C. Kirk, Harry Rode, C. A. Mohr, Mrs. W. L. Thomson, Miss Ada L. Ball, Miss Agnes Helen Davis, *W. H. Matthews.
1900	Miss E. A. Schultz, Miss Eda Briggs Spencer, Charles L. Carhart, D. L. Peacock, *Miss Helen J. Moore, Miss Lucy P. Davis, Miss Mary R. Moore, Miss Lucia H. Fish, E. A. McAlpin, Jr., T. Jesse Jones, Samuel P. Hayes, W. M. Grafton, Dr. U. G. Weatherly, C. J. Allen, Henry Nelson Moore.
1901	Miss Geer, G. S. White, J. H. Lotz, *Miss Marlon S. Morse, Miss Elizabeth D. Young, *Miss Lucy H. Humphrey, Miss Della J. Merchant, Theodore M. Shepherd, Miss Laura C. Smith.
1902	*Miss Charlotte Hazen, *Andrew W. Warden, *Geo. L. Marsh.
	*In residence April, 1902.



"During my years of study as Fellow of the (Union Theological) Seminary, I accompanied my friend and classmate, Gaylord Starin White, to London and there visited Toynbee Hall and made the acquaintance of Canon Barnett...When, at a meeting of the Union Seminary Alumni Club, on April 3, 1895, **the suggestion was made that Union Seminary, as a mark of its interest in social problems should establish a settlement of its own**, I approved the plan and became of member of the committee appointed to choose the site.

(We chose East Harlem because) in the first place, it was more convenient of access, being on the same side of the city as the Seminary. In the second place the region was sparsely settled and was at that time entirely destitute of any civic center. It seemed to us that, as early settlers, **we had a chance to grow up with the community and affect its development.**"

- **William Adams Brown**, *President of Union Settlement 1915-1919. His son, John (pictured in the middle on the left) was chairman of Union Settlement 1949-1950.*

Many other Brown family members served Union Settlement through the years, including his nephew, Thacher M. Brown, Jr. who served as Asst. Treasurer and was a skilled fundraiser for the organization from 1950-1970.



Union Settlement Athletic Club, 1898



From the *The New York Times*
August 4, 1901

Games of Union Settlement A. C.

One of the most interesting and important out-of-door athletic meets of the Summer season will be held by the Union Settlement Athletic Club on Saturday, Aug. 17, at Celtic Park. About 100 entries have been received already, these including most of the winners of the recent championships at Buffalo. A special event that promises exceedingly well is the two-mile bicycle race for members only, for which thirty entries have been received. The open events are as follows: 75-yard run, 220-yard run, 600-yard run, and 1,000-yard run, putting the twelve-pound shot and throwing discus, all handicap, and 600-yard run, novice, scratch. The prizes will be the most valuable given this season. They are on exhibition at 150 Nassau Street. Entries close Monday, Aug. 12, with Charles Sullivan, 2,031 Third Avenue, or Dieges & Clust, 23 John Street.



Union Settlement Reading Club, 1902



Union Settlement's "Kitchen Garden Class", 1902



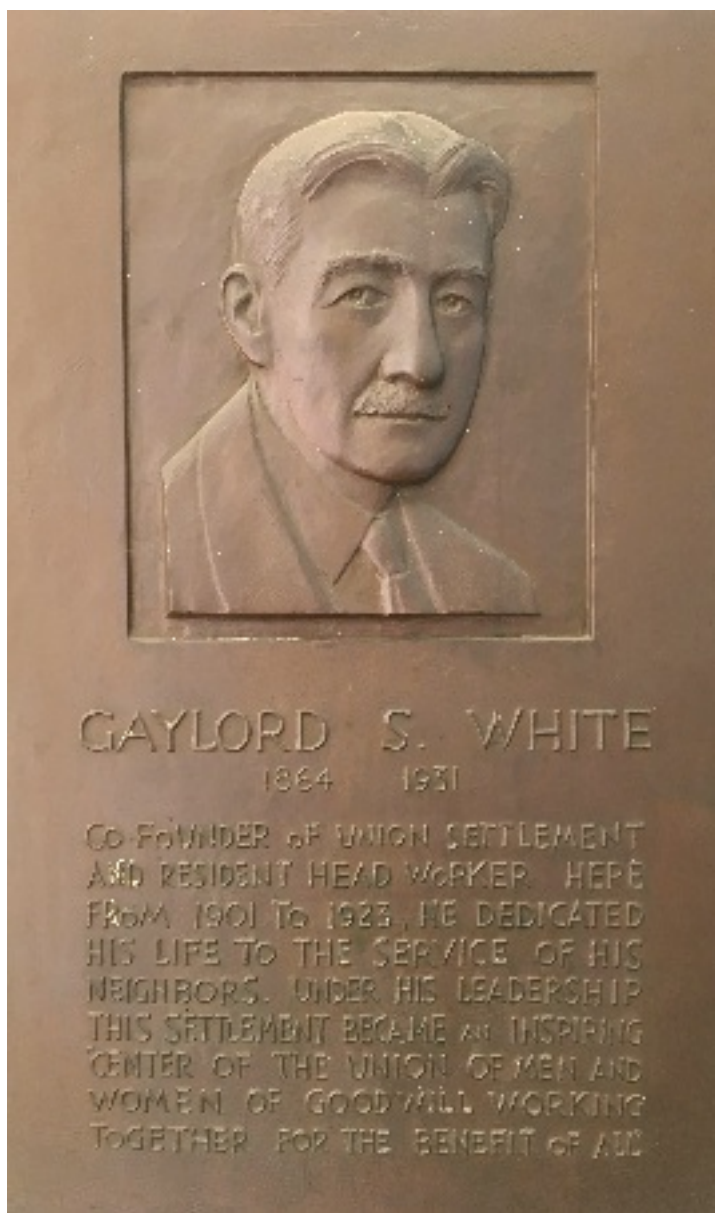
**Gaylord S. White, Resident
Headworker from 1901-1923.**

"From the beginning, social action was an essential part of the settlement movement. The ideal resident is simply the ideal of the Good Neighbor! I learned to think of the Settlement as a home and residents as members of a "family", resolved to be good neighbors in promoting the welfare of the neighborhood." - Gaylord S. White, 1912



Left: Gaylord White and family

Above: Gaylord White and Program staff, 1912



Sophie White Wells (daughter of Gaylord White) and Dr. Henry P. Van Dusen, Director, at the Gaylord White plaque dedication.

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From the 1902 Union Settlement Annual Report



*Priscilla Lockwood (Loomis), back right,
and sister Eleanor, front right, 1909*



Priscilla Loomis, 1973

Priscilla Loomis was a teenage volunteer, giving piano lessons at Union Settlement. She became active in the day-care program and was a director for five decades.

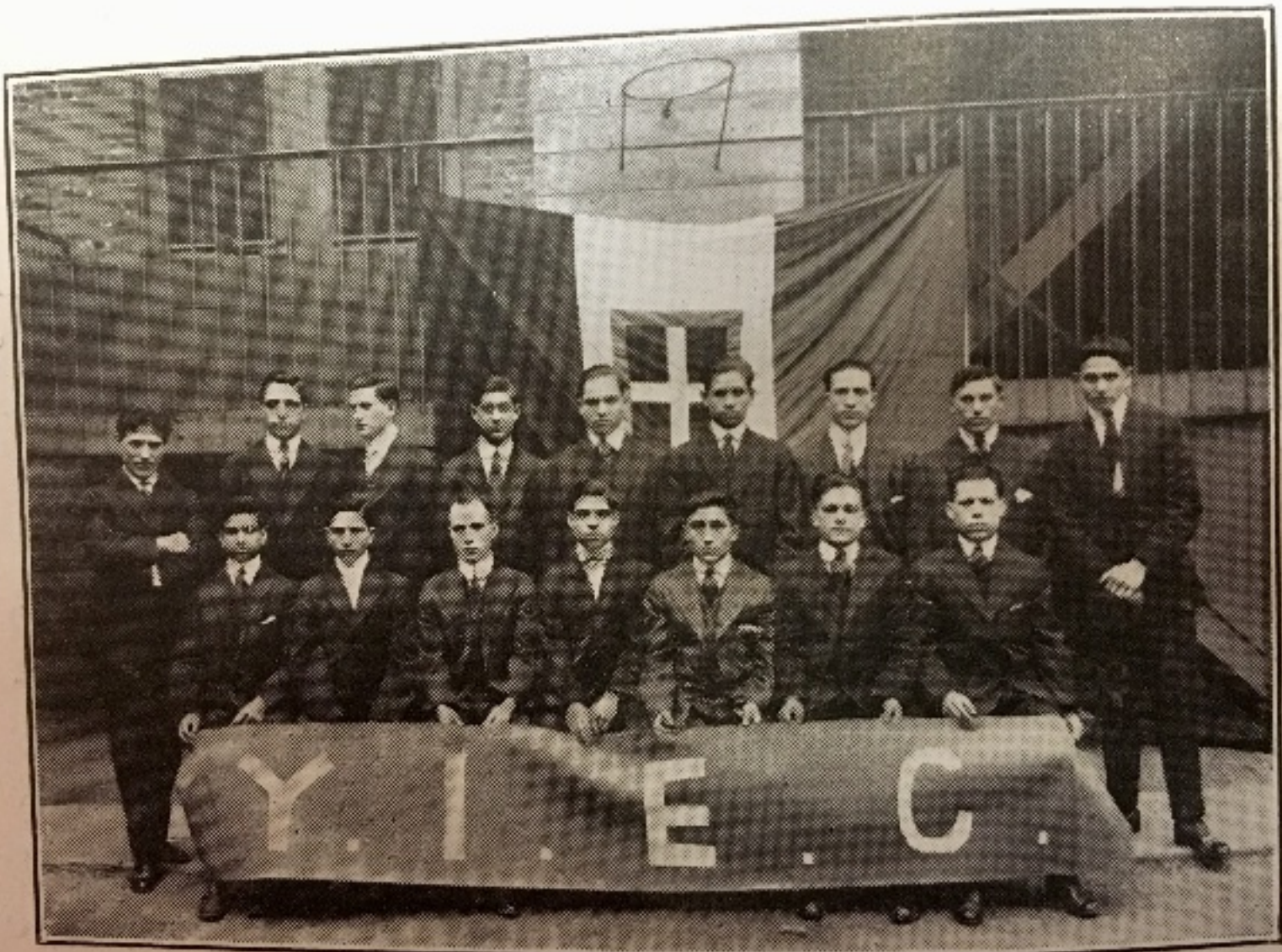
In the 1940's, she was a founding member of the Day Care Council of New York City.

**THE UNION
SETTLEMENT**

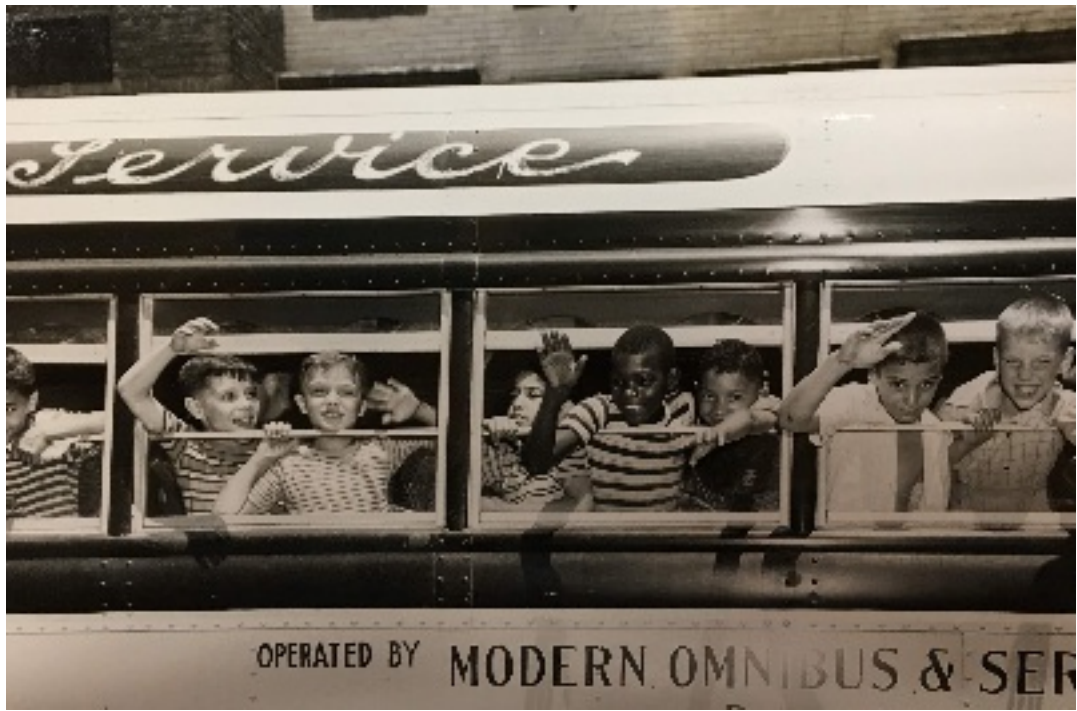
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IN
SOUTH HARLEM**

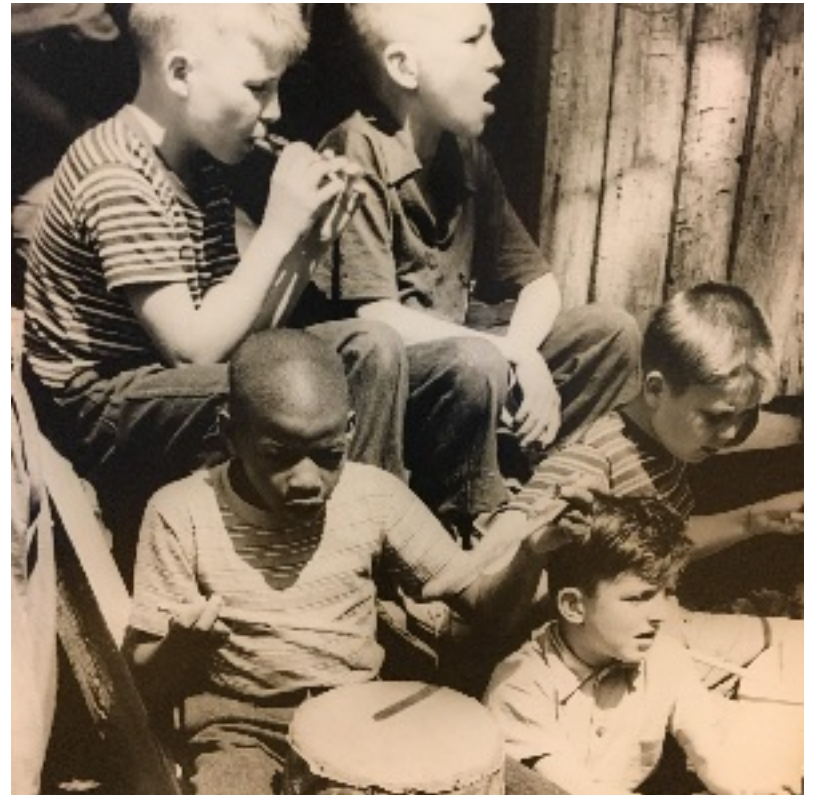
1895

1915



Italians are coming to the Settlement in increasing numbers.
The Young Italian Educational Club is a representative group.







Clyde E. Murray
Headworker
1940 - 1949

A Message . . .

OUR 50th ANNIVERSARY is a very important occasion to thousands of men and women, who in their childhood and youth were active in the program of the Settlement, and to the many boys and girls, young people, and adults of the present membership.

The Settlement has never been a static organization. During its 50 years, through wars, periods of unemployment, and changing populations, the Settlement has been a creative and dynamic force, knowing the neighbors and developing services to meet their needs. Its history is one of which all of us can be proud.

One of the most active groups in the first twenty-five years of the Settlement was the Athletic Club. The members of the Club were leaders in neighborhood life, and at the same time gained city wide and national recognition in athletics. I am glad that the Club has been reorganized and is again an integral part of the Settlement. Even though the men are scattered throughout the greater New York area, they are taking an active interest in the Settlement, helping to provide for the present crop of youngsters opportunities which the Old Times enjoyed in their youth.

Our goal for the future of the Settlement was most aptly stated by Gaylord White in 1923: "May Union Settlement more and more fulfill the implications of its name and bring about a genuine union of men and women of good will in our neighborhood for the service of all and thus become a symbol of and a preparation for, the higher union when the nations of the world shall learn to live together like peaceable decent neighbors on the same block."

CLYDE E. MURRAY
Headworker

**Chosen to Be Chairman
Of Union Settlement Board**



John Sloane

The New York Times
November 1, 1946

December 23rd, 1932.

Dear Mr. Sloane:

Christmas greetings from the Arts and
Crafts Department with deep apprecia-
tion for your kindness in sending us
the linoleum for our block printing.

Very sincerely yours,

Director of Arts and Crafts

Mr. John Sloane
575 Fifth Avenue
New York City

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GENERAL COUNSEL OF THE DEPARTMENT OF DEFENSE
WASHINGTON 25, D. C.

May 30, 1962

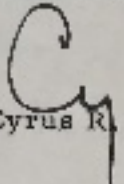
Dear Bill:

Thanks ever so much for your kind letters. It was most thoughtful of you to write me and I do appreciate it.

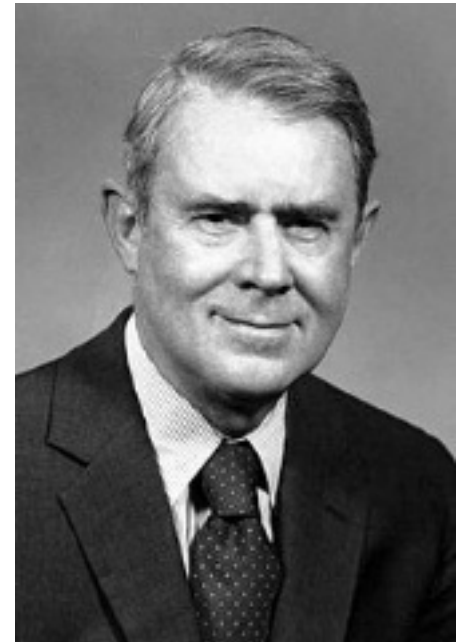
I was interested to have the news about the election on May 10 and am glad to know that the Settlement continues to be in extremely capable hands.

With warmest regards to you and Mary and hoping to see you very soon,

Sincerely,


Cyrus R. Vance

Mr. William Kirk
Headworker, Union Settlement
237 East 104th Street
New York 29, New York





Cyrus Vance Sr., served on our Board of Directors for many years, including joining the Executive Committee in 1957, becoming the Vice Chairman in 1959 and serving as Chairman from 1960-1961. He would later serve as the [United States Secretary of State](#) from 1977 to 1980.



Hollywood movie star Burt Lancaster played sports, acted in theater productions and learned circus arts at Union Settlement as a boy. He credited Union Settlement for “saving him from the streets,” and supported the organization all his life.



In 1948, Burt Lancaster revisited the neighborhood he grew up in and came to Union Settlement's sites to meet staff and participants.

"Of course, Burt Lancaster was one of the most difficult youngsters we ever had at the Settlement. (Laughs.) He is now very famous and we are all very proud of him."

- Helen M. Harris (in 1973),
Headworker of Union Settlement
1930-1940.



Letter sent to non-board members
in Jan.

HENRY SLOANE COFFIN

PRESIDENT
UNION SETTLEMENT ASSOCIATION
237 EAST 104TH STREET, N. Y. C.

January 20, 1945

Dear Mrs. Schwarz,

A year ago in December you most kindly contributed \$5.00 to the Union Settlement. It is with the hope that you will be willing to renew this gift that I am writing to you.

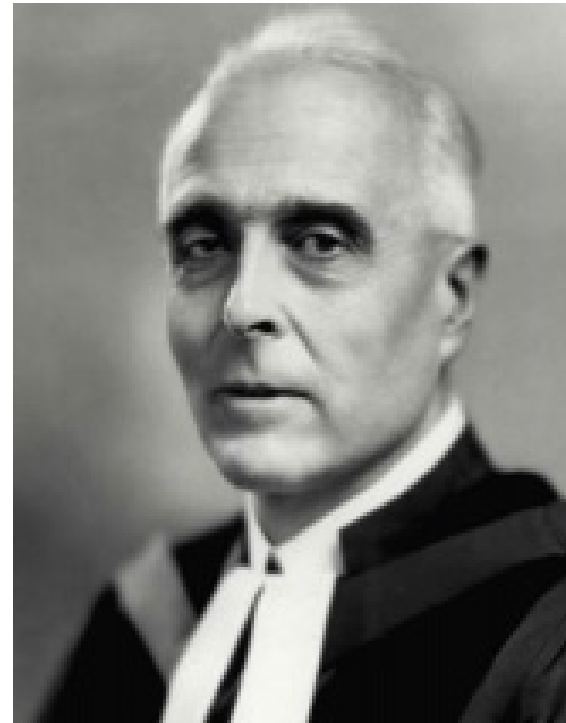
The problem of caring for children in East Harlem has been intensified due to the war. Not only is there an increased need for the day care of small children, but someone must come to the aid of the "latch key" children (those who have nowhere to go after school as both parents are working).

This situation is fast becoming serious. Only yesterday one of our workers on a home visit reported finding a 9 year old boy trying to care for his 2 year old sister. Their parents do not return until 10 every night. What a responsibility to give a child!

The burden of helping these families rests upon the Union Settlement which for 47 years has been doctor, nurse, counsellor, teacher and good neighbor to these people.

Won't you, in turn, please help us with your financial support? Whatever you can give will be greatly appreciated.

Sincerely yours,



Dr. Henry Sloane Coffin

Edmund Coffin (b. 1844) and his son Henry Sloane Coffin (1877-1954) led the way for the family in support for Union Settlement, and in philanthropy and theology, with Henry Sloane Coffin becoming one of the best known and most influential ministers in America.

Dr. Henry Sloane Coffin served on the Board through the late 1950s. He and his wife, Dorothy, assisted in hosting and planning Union Settlement's 50th anniversary exhibit at the Museum of the City of New York.

FIFTIETH YEAR OBSERVED

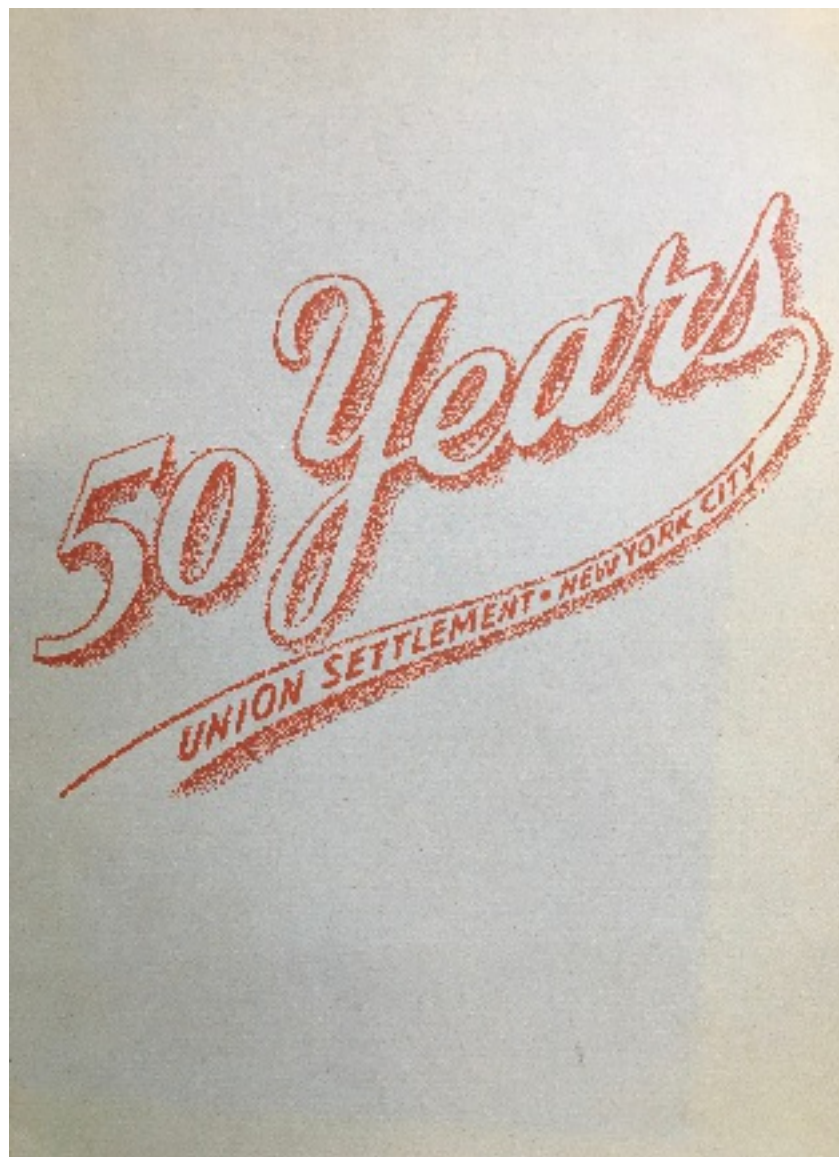
Union Settlement Reviews Its Work in Harlem Area

Union Settlement, located in a block of houses around the assembly hall at 237 East 110th Street, celebrated its fiftieth anniversary yesterday.

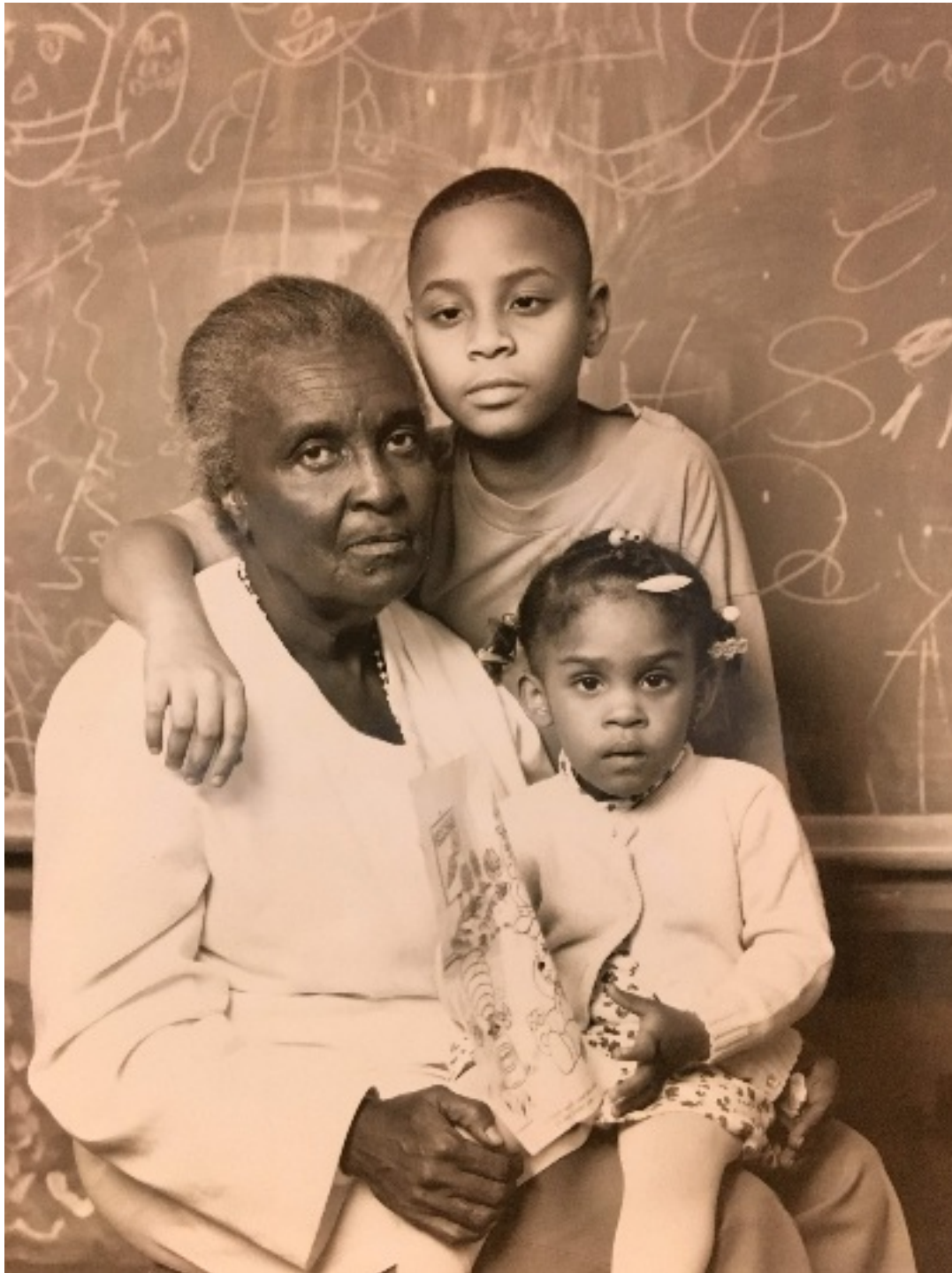
Dr. Henry P. Van Dusen, president of Union Theological Seminary, said the problems to be met by the settlement "were never more complex, with our changes in races and religions."

Clyde E. Murray, head worker at the settlement, said there was less mobility today on the part of Puerto Rican and Negro families living in the neighborhood than ever before, because there is no other place to go. He described the area as "more and more blighted."

The settlement announced it is operating an extension service at 1555 Lexington Avenue, and that \$71,000 had been realized from a special drive for \$175,000. The auditorium has been repaired and redecorated at a cost of \$30,000, and plans for the future include the acquisition of properties in East 105th Street for adult and children's work, it was announced.



The New York Times, April 16, 1946















Adult Education

Union Settlement has served wave after wave of immigrants who have made East Harlem one of New York's "portal communities," from the Irish, Eastern European and Italian populations of a century ago, to large numbers of individuals from Puerto Rico, the Dominican Republic and Mexico, and the latest arrivals from Central and South America, Africa, Asia and the Middle East.

Currently in East Harlem, 12% of adults have less than a ninth grade education, 29% of adults did not graduate from high school and only 28% have a four-year college degree.

We now assist around 400 students through a menu of English for Speakers of Other Languages (ESOL) classes, Adult Basic Education and High School Equivalency (ABE/HSE) classes (in English and in Spanish), and Health Career Pathways classes.



Early Childhood Education

Providing a caring educational environment to young children has been a cornerstone of Union Settlement since our founding.

We are now the seventh largest provider of early childhood education services in New York City, serving around 700 infants, toddlers and preschoolers each year with a well-rounded program focused on cognitive, social, emotional, creative and physical development.

We are a trusted provider of the highest quality early childhood education, enabling families to work, seek employment or care for loved ones.



Mental Health Services

For more than 60 years, Union Settlement has provided mental health counseling services to keep families together, minimize psychiatric hospitalizations, help clients maintain sobriety and literally save lives.

East Harlem has the city's highest rate of hospitalizations due to mental illness. Poverty substantially increases the emotional burdens many of our residents shoulder, as do the high rates of violence, substance abuse, child abuse, trauma, mental illness, and AIDS and HIV infection. Union Settlement's Mental Health Services program addresses these disparities by providing a range of counseling and care management services.

We now serve approximately 1,300 individuals through our Johnson Counseling Center, where we offer individual, family, group and couples therapy, crisis intervention, psychological and psychiatric evaluation, medication management, advocacy and many other services



Senior Services

Services for seniors have always been a priority for Union Settlement. We have been providing services for older East Harlem residents for over a century, and Meals on Wheels for over 40 years. Economically struggling and often living alone, our community's senior population relies on Union Settlement to help meet their everyday needs and ward off feelings of isolation.

Over 750 older adults attend our four Senior Centers where they enjoy daily group meals, exercise activities, benefits assistance counseling, nutrition classes, health and wellness programs, computer classes, games, and arts and cultural activities.



Community and Small Business Development

Union Settlement's mission to empower the East Harlem community now extends to nurturing and developing small businesses and entrepreneurs. We seek to connect businesses with each other, as well as help incubate businesses of all sizes, thereby keeping employers and employees in the neighborhood.

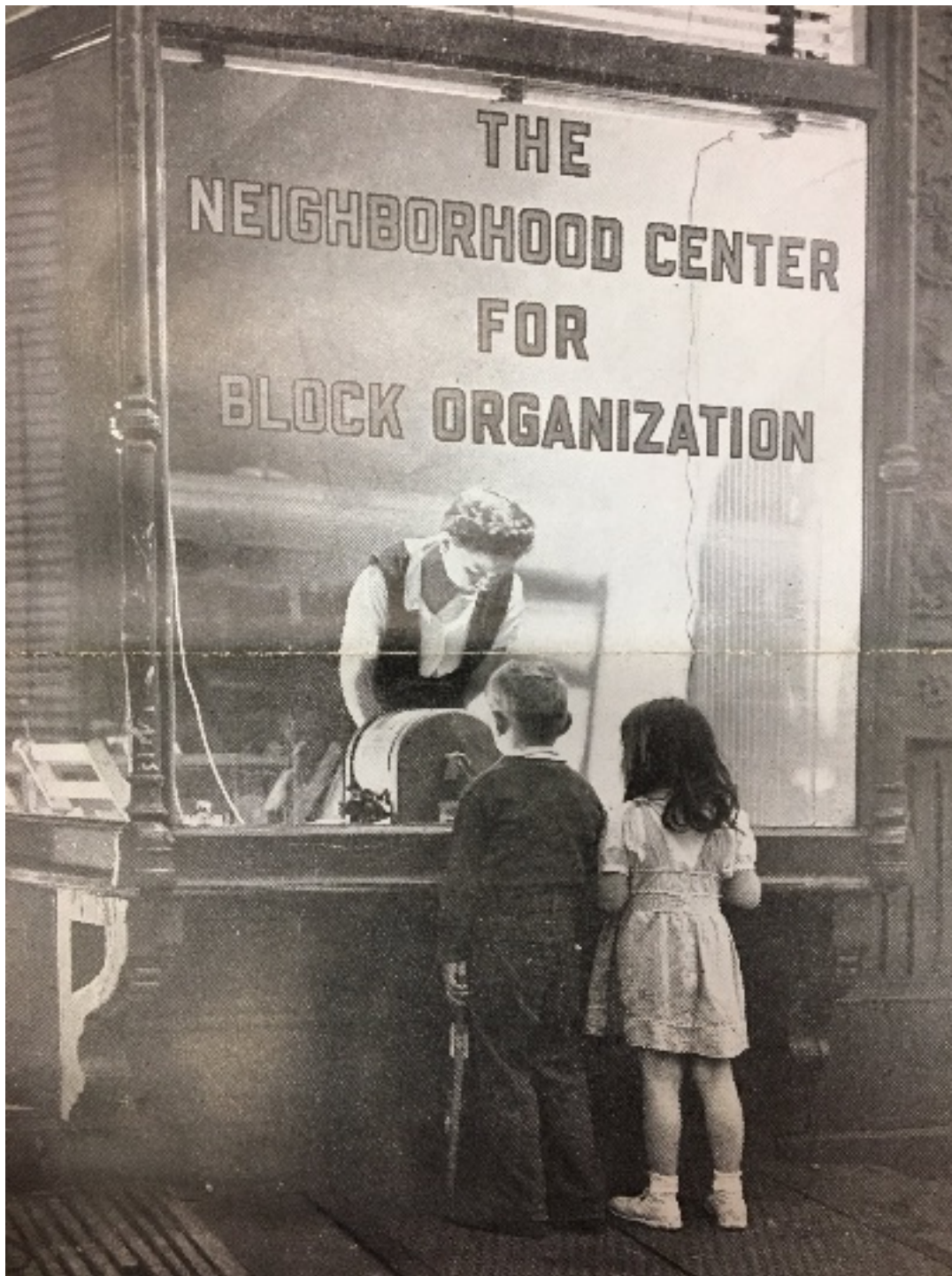
The English/Spanish bilingual staff of our Business Development Center provides business education, technology training and technical assistance to new and existing small business owners in the community.



Youth Services

We provide robust afterschool and summer programs for in-school youth, including education, and arts and recreation, for children from kindergarten through high school. Every year, through our programs, more than 2,250 eager and energetic children, teens and young adults actively seek and create opportunities to forge brighter futures.

Union Settlement also currently serves approximately 650 older youth, mostly African-American and Latino, who are neither attending school nor participating in the labor force. These young people face daunting challenges, including poverty, early parenthood, criminal justice system involvement, low educational levels and lack of employment opportunities. Our programs provide targeted services to these at-risk and court-involved youth to help them build successful futures.



The East Harlem Neighborhood Center for Block Organization is established in 1945 to coordinate community service efforts focusing on schools, housing and tenant organizations.

East Harlem Neighborhood and Needs in 2020

With over 120,000 residents, East Harlem is home to many of the neediest New Yorkers.

- 44% of households survive on less than \$25,000 per year.
- 12% of adults have less than a ninth grade education and 28% did not graduate from high school.
- 33% of housing units are public housing (NYCHA) units
- East Harlem's unemployment rate is nearly twice the national average.
- Only 28% of third through eighth graders meet state math standards, with 32% meeting English standards.
- Teen pregnancy and STD rates in East Harlem are among the highest in New York City.

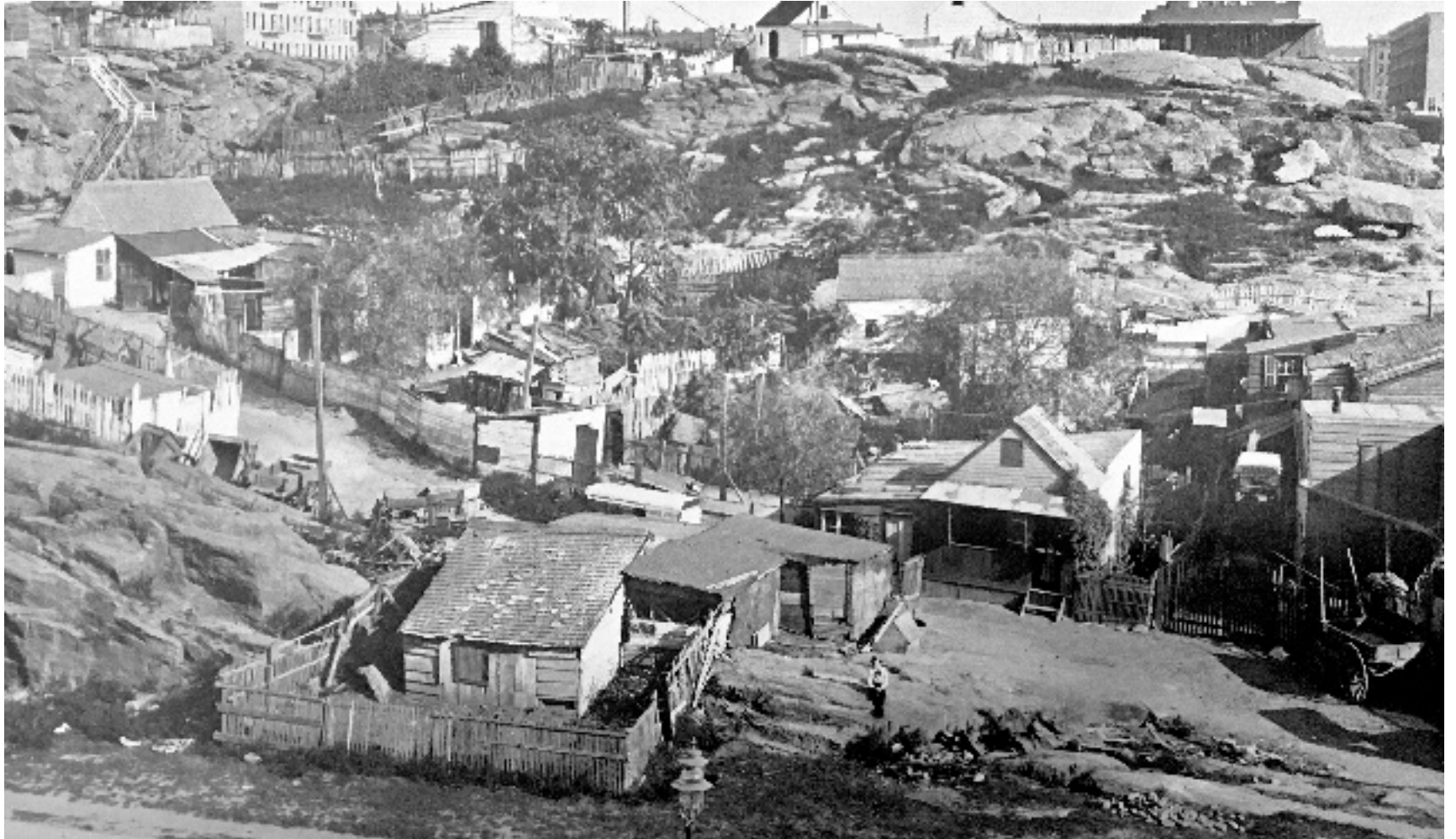


Union Settlement College Readiness Summer Workshop, 1968

Since its inception in 1964, our College Readiness Program has helped over 22,000 young people gain admission to college, and many of these students were the first in their family to achieve that goal.



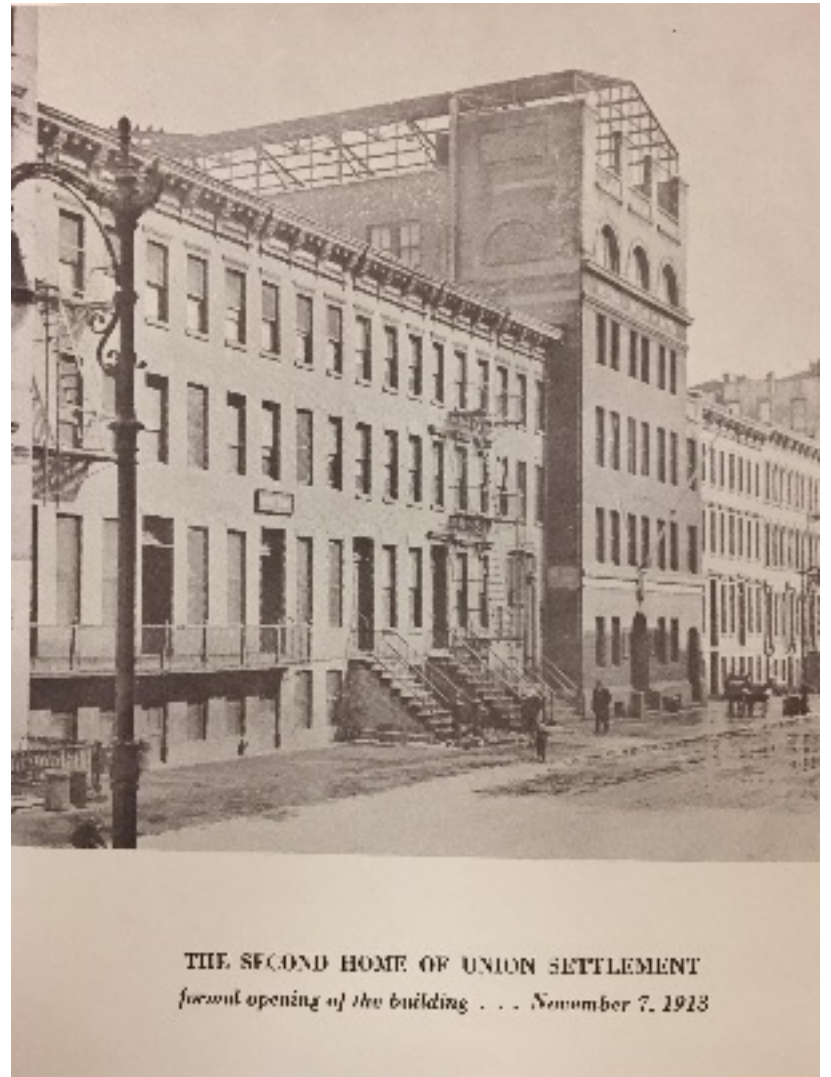
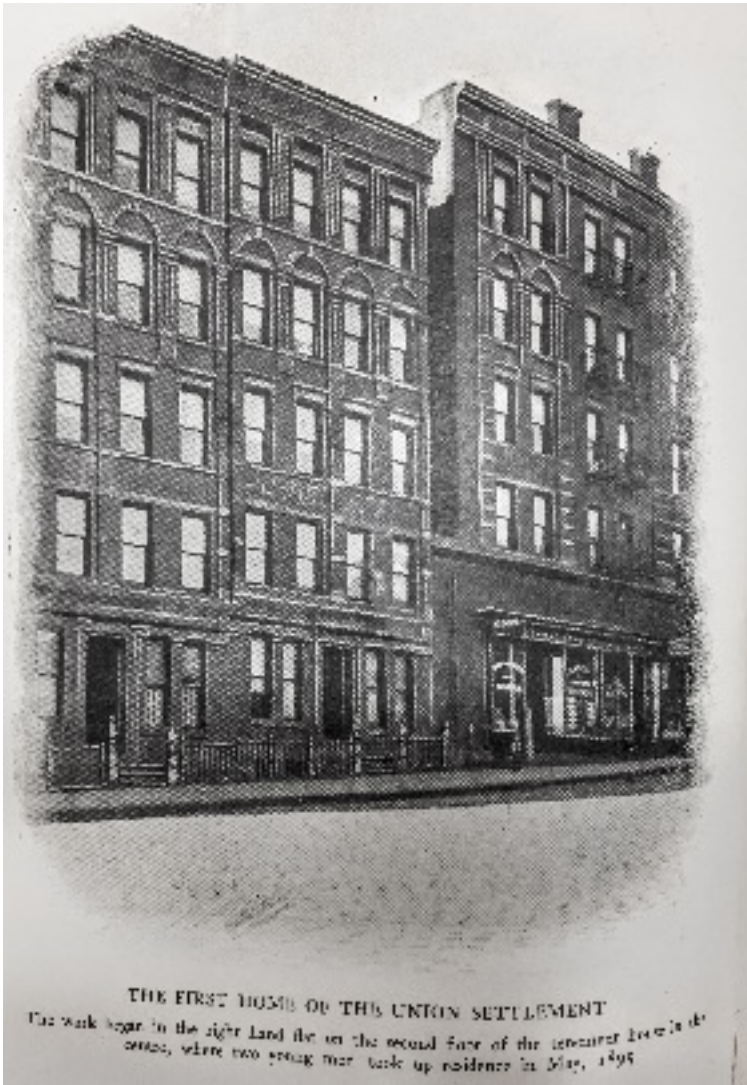
**Each year, we deliver over
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homebound seniors through our
Meals on Wheels program.**



East 116th Street, near Fifth Ave., 1893



East 116th Street, 2017 Mexican Independence Day Festival



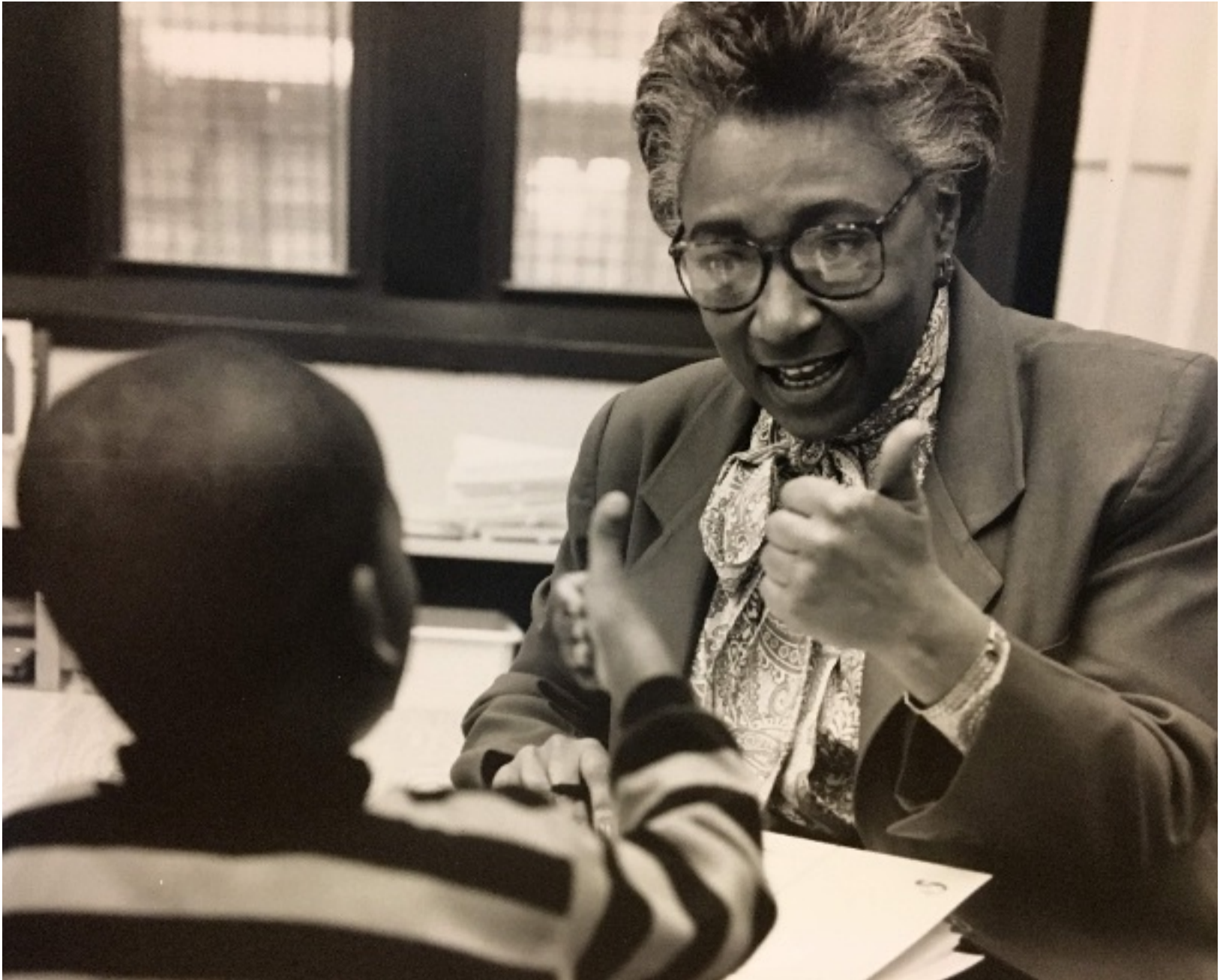


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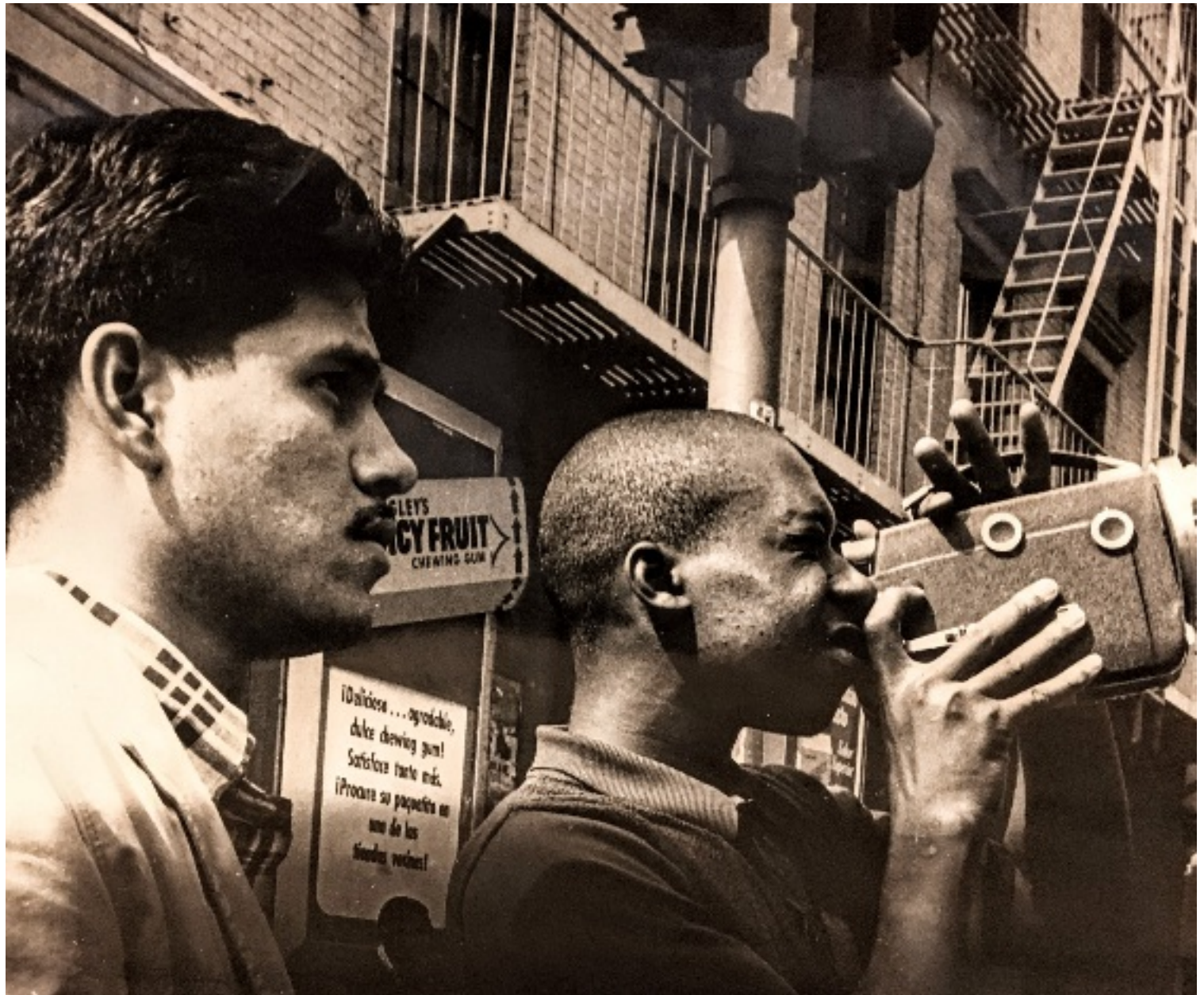
















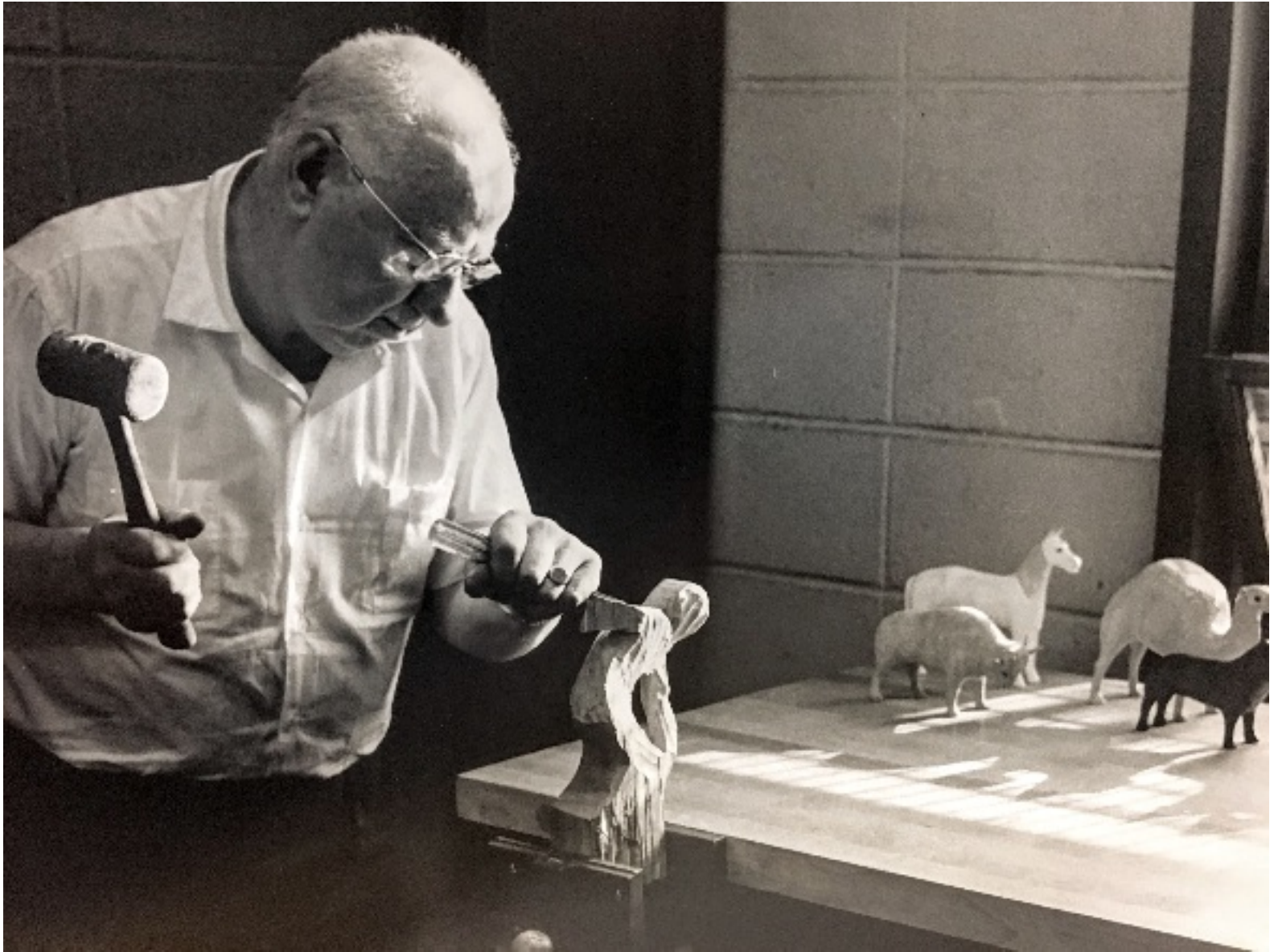




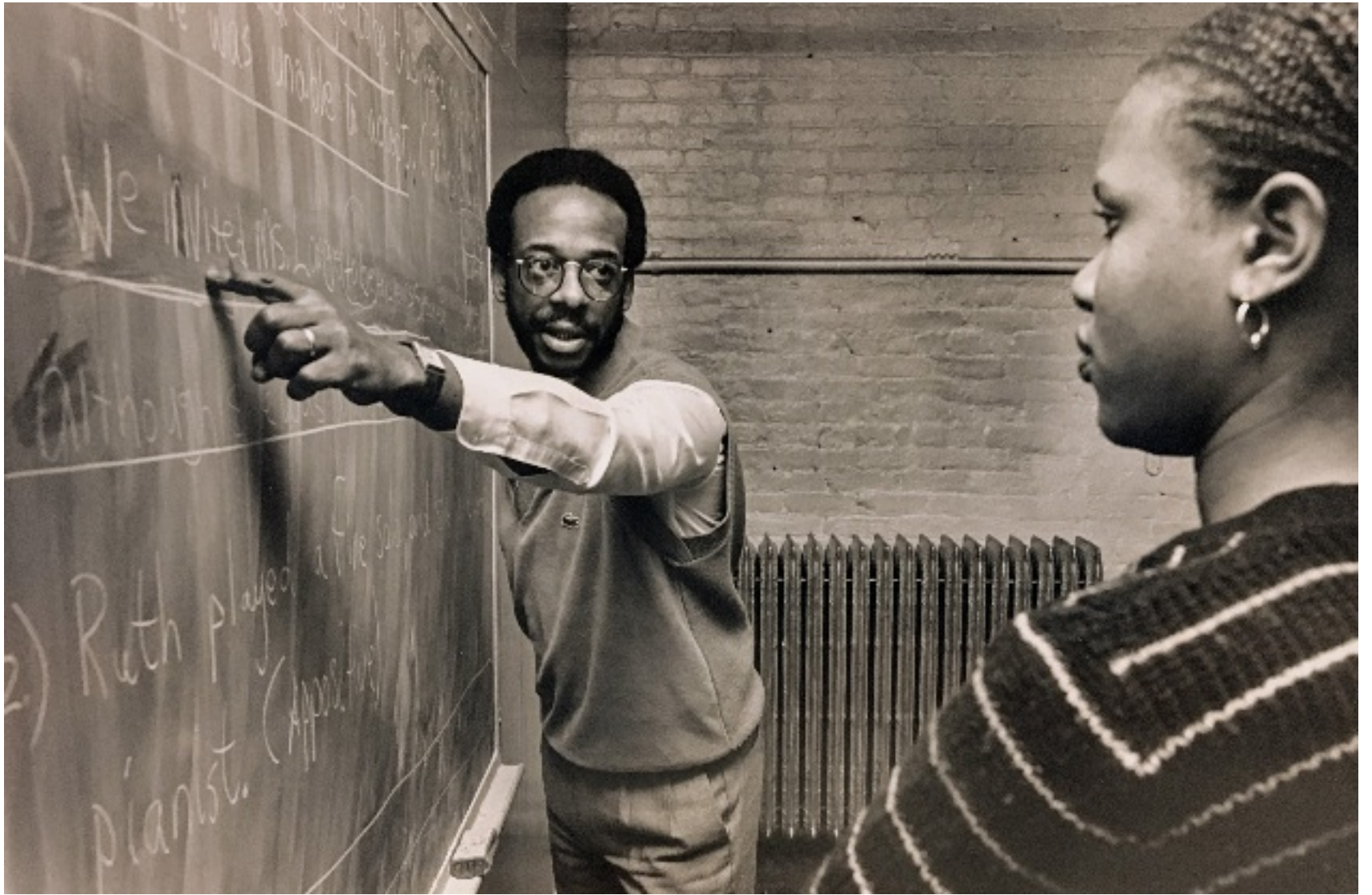
































Union Settlement's Spring Playground Festival
East 104th Street, early 1900s



Union Settlement's Spring Ethnic Festival
East 104th Street, 2019









