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## A Welcomed Interlude

Thanksgiving. A day of feast and grateful acknowledgment to God. Here is a day set aside by our forefathers for worship to the Almighty for His thought and providence of man on earth.

Many days have elapsed since the first Thanksgiving Day. Traditionally a day of peace, this celebrated day has found little peace in a world of nations unable to mingle equally and freely. Thrown together in an imbroglio that seems to hold no perceptible answer, the world's people seem to be at a loss as to what approach to take to peace.

Christian learning has taught us that man must be human to man if any positive peace is to prevail. Experience has proven that the good from peace far exceeds the economic gains and family strains of world armored conflict.

To prevent further destruction of man through man-made and controlled wars should be the aim of every living human being. No human deserves a priority on the pursuit of happiness through the suffering of his fellow man.

Individually, we might examine our own worth to humanity. For in the individual smoulders the fire that gives direct heat to love of God and His created man or lies the hate which fosters the misunderstanding that emits in bigotry and lawless society.

Locally, we can refer to moral principles of good government and forsake the evils of "black ghettos" and the like—brought on by man's inhumanity to man—a breeding spot for the unscrupulous who allegedly offer pseudo-satisfaction to a frustrated group of people, easy prey to some form of relaxation and recreation.

Dignity demands righteous living. Principles are necessary instruments in a peaceful society. Greed and exploitation thrive on the loathenship of the masses.

Thanksgiving Day provides a pause from the rush of every day activity. A pause that man so fervently needs to examine thoroughly the complex situation we find ourselves in today. Let's note the significance of Thanksgiving and plan for a better world tomorrow.

## Buy Them Now

"In Defense of Democracy the Year 'Round Buy NAACP Christmas Seals Now" is the slogan of the Northwest Area Conference of the NAACP seal sale campaign this year. The goal for the Portland branch is \$1,500 and by all rights they should get it.

Initiated November 15, the drive will last until December 20, and so there is plenty of time for every citizen to contribute his share to this really worthwhile effort. The seals can be purchased from any NAACP member and since there are at least 600 of them in this locality it shouldn't be too hard for the conscientious individual to find one.

### We Get Half

For the total conference, comprising Oregon, Washington, Idaho, Arizona, New Mexico, California and Utah, the goal has been set at \$5,000 and if it can be reached, the conference will be given one-half of this amount, possibly more, to procure a field secretary for this area. This is something that has been sorely needed for a long while.

Says Mrs. Warren Marple, conference secretary: "Much progress has been made in employment (in the Northwest), but housing, public accommodations, civil rights and equal educational opportunities are still lagging." With a field secretary, trained in counseling and organizing, a great stride could be made in this direction.

### Successful In Supreme Court

A major activity of the NAACP has been legal redress. Their history shows that they have won 24 out of 27 cases brought before the federal supreme court. Besides these, there have been many other successfully fought cases of a local nature.

To better perform this function, the Northwest conference must have a field secretary who is free to travel and to devote his energies to gathering information for legal consultants.

Therefore, in order to bring about better conditions yet, for the minorities, it is necessary for all of us to dig in and chip in. Do it today.

## Culture Club Presents Scholarship To Special Educational Department



Dr. Morgan Odell, president of Lewis and Clark college, and the late Robert Lacanale accept a \$100 scholarship check from Mrs. Nick Banks, scholarship chairman of the Culture club as club's president, Mrs. DeNorval Unthank, looks on. The scholarship goes toward the support of a special educational department at the college.

BY JOY BROCK  
Challenger Staff Writer

Dr. Morgan Odell, president of Lewis and Clark college and Robert Lacanale accepted \$100 from Mrs. Nick Banks, scholarship chairman of Culture Club toward support of special education department of the college.

Lacanale's sudden death did not enable him to enjoy to the full use of the gift, due to a sudden automobile accident a few weeks ago. Young Lacanale was a senior psychology student, confined to a wheelchair because of spastic palsy. In spite of his handicap, the 24-year-old student had the courage and will power to attend four years of college.

Lacanale had pioneered the development of the course in special education. The \$100 gift presented by the club was for the purchase of books and other materials for the use in instructing future teachers in the education of handicapped children. Through Robert's efforts, several other civic groups have made donations to provide books and other necessary equipment.

## NAACP to Sell Christmas Seals

The Northwest area conference of the National Association for the Advancement of Colored People has set itself a quota of \$5,000 for the sale of 50,000 Christmas seals this year, William Underwood, president of the area announced.

Half of the money thus raised will be set aside to be applied towards obtaining a field secretary for the area.

The Christmas seal sale for NAACP is not new, having been done for a good many years from the office of The Crisis, the publication of NAACP, and by the national office. But following a plan conceived by Franklin Williams, regional director in San Francisco, to allow the areas to set their own quotas and use one half of the proceeds for additional staff workers in their own areas, all seals will be distributed from the Northwest area.

This has worked very well in the California areas, and by having a direct stake in the sales, the areas have sold far more seals than ever were sold on the old plan, thus benefiting both the national office and the area.

President of the Culture club is Mrs. DeNorval Unthank. The \$100 gift was given in place of a scholarship, according to the president.

At their last meeting, the group gave a surprise baby shower for Mrs. Melvin Allen at the home of Mrs. Letitia Brock.

Plans for a Christmas party for the members and husbands are under way for December 10 at the home of Mrs. DeNorval Unthank, with Mrs. Mary Alexander as co-chairman.

Future plans for a card party to raise funds for another scholarship are also being made.

## News In Brief

By William Wright  
Challenger Staff Writer

Little Stephen Wright is confined to his home with a case of chicken pox. Used to romping with his playmates at the Blessed Day Martin Nursery, little Steve, the son of Stephen and Leola Wright, 3108 S. E. 28th avenue, finds the change from nursery to home a wee bit confining and lonesome . . . One happy soldier is Frank Fair. Drafted into the service of his country almost two years ago—and right in the midst of his educational pursuit at Lewis and Clark college—he is now counting the days until discharge time, not too far distant, 82 days to be exact.

Since his induction, Fair has been stationed in the Northwest . . . Away on an extended visit with relatives in Columbus, Ohio, and Little Rock, Ark., is Mrs. Jack Green. She left Portland November 9 and plans a visit of at least a month, according to husband, Jack.

Louis Fuller, native Oregonian now living in Los Angeles, California, is reported to be working in the post office of that city. Fuller plans to make the Angel city his home. Before leaving Portland with his wife Juretta,

## Letter to Editor

DEAR EDITOR:

It is not often that I take up a newspaper, large or small, and read it through at one sitting. But I find myself doing just that with The Portland Challenger. To say the very least, every item is interestingly written.

I agree with you, heartily, that a "clean paper is a need." It will not be easy. Nothing worthwhile is easy. But, if at any time you think I can give you a helping hand, you have only to suggest it

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Fuller was an outstanding player on the city's championship Sande Court seven football squad.

Pvt. Sam Wilkinson hopes to get home sometime near the Christmas holidays and spend five days on home ground . . . Isadore Maney Jr. will be home for Christmas. He is in the medical division of the air corps. . . others slated for Christmas home duty are navy man John Boyd and air force man Leonard Harris.

Herman C. Plummer has moved from his home on Fargo to a duplex on Cook street. . . Manly Baltzegar, of Baltzegar's Photos, has moved his residence and shop to 122 N. E. Failing street.

Edwin C. Berry is slated to speak on World Affairs Forum scheduled to be aired December 4 over a local radio station.

## BABY DISCOVERED DEAD

William Laurence Jones, 20-month-old son of Mr. and Mrs. Atwood Jones, Columbia Villa, was discovered dead in bed early Tuesday morning.

Other local survivors include Mr. and Mrs. Lawson Jones, grandparents and Mr. and Mrs. Stephen Wright, grandparents.

The father currently serves in the armed forces and is now in Okinawa.