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SEATTLE Negro golfers finally get opportunity to compete against an open field. Read results of the first municipal-backed "wide open" golf tournament in this large Northwest city on page two of the Portland Challenger. It's another first in our expanding news coverage.

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CIVIL rights legislation in Oregon is having rough going. Every citizen can support this measure in some way. Letters should be written to the representatives in Salem urging their support of Senate Bill 169. Read late civil rights developments on page two of your Portland Challenger.

Organizer Tells Youth To Activate

Miss Claire Johnson, regional youth chairman of the National Association for Advancement of Colored People, urged Oregon youth to support the civil rights measure now before Oregon legislators in a speech here last Friday at the Central library.

The University of California graduate student told the Portland NAACP Youth Council to "unite yourselves and make your voice heard along with that of your parents."

Miss Johnson told the group of young people to take advantage of educational opportunities while in high school and to get adequate high school counseling. She cautioned them against passing up "hard" subjects. "Don't be fooled; you are not getting away with anything," said the youth organizer.

Urges FEP Use

Noting that Oregon had an FEP law, fair employment practice, Miss Johnson urged the Oregon youths to use it. "Before you complain, be sure you can deliver the goods," she cautioned.

Miss Johnson said that in order for the Youth Council to be effective in working for racial understanding, other groups must be brought into their program. She encouraged the youths to expose themselves and become thoroughly familiar with the different people of our society.

Miss Johnson conducted a workshop Saturday on youth organizations in the Library hall.

Grover Campbell, NAACP youth group president, presided over the meeting. It was directed by Robert Herndon, youth chairman.

Meeting Slated By Urban League

April 12 is the date set for the annual meeting of the Urban League of Portland. The meeting will begin at 3 o'clock in the auditorium of Benson high school, with an estimation of 2,000 being present.

The theme "Accent on Youth" will be approached through a panel discussion lead by six college students representing Marylhurst, Portland State, University of Portland, Reed and Lewis and Clark college.

Gary Hing, student body president of Benson high school, will give the welcoming address followed by Richard Bogle presiding over the panel.

The team will discuss how youth looks at democracy. To further stimulate the discussion, two college foreign students will tell how America looks through foreign eyes.

A TV set, which is to be given to the person or organization with the largest new membership roster over 25, will be displayed at the meeting.



MISS CLAIRE JOHNSON
Speaks to youth

Portland Girl Receives Degree

Miss Edythe Earline Minor graduated from the University of Washington School of Nursing Friday, March 20. Miss Minor is a graduate of Washington high school in Portland and is a member of the Army Nurse corps reserves.

Present at the graduation ceremonies, held at King county's Harbor View hospital, were her parents, Mr. and Mrs. John Minor; her grandmother, Mrs. Gaskin; cousins, Janet and Robert Fuller; aunt and uncle, Mr. and Mrs. Julian Henson; and friends, Mr. and Mrs. Haskell Campbell, Melvin Ward and Mrs. Hattie Holliday.

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Refusal of Sea Hag to Serve Negro Brings Interference From Policeman

An American citizen by birth, Benny Webb, 7516 NE Everett street, walked into the Sea Hag tavern, 2401 NE Union avenue, recently and was refused service on the premises by the barmaid in what seemed like another case of racial prejudice.

The incident turned out to be more than just a racial one to Webb, however, when he returned home to find that an anonymous caller had told his father over the phone that "he had overstepped his bounds and would be dead within 48 hours."

Webb related this story to the Portland Challenger. He and a friend, Pat Patterson, walked into the tavern shortly before 10:30 p.m. and asked for service. The barmaid told him that she could give them drinks to take out but couldn't serve them at the bar.

Man Interferes

According to Webb, a stocky man sitting near them, apparently a patron, immediately entered the conversation and, placing what looked to Webb like a police badge on the counter, using good English but talking forcibly, said,

Race Bias Called Evil By Hatfield

BY J. HAROLD JONES II

At a legislative conference sponsored by the Oregon State Farmers Union held in Salem last Saturday, Mark O. Hatfield, youthful representative from Marion county who is chairman of the Committee of State and Federal Affairs, told those present that discrimination based upon race, creed, color or national origin is evil and vicious.

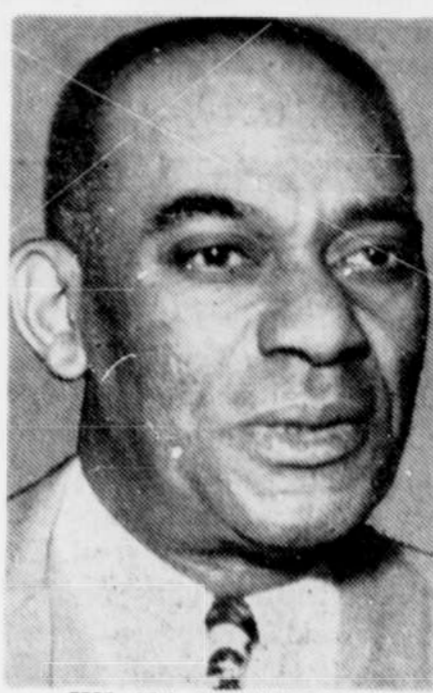
Hatfield, who is also dean of men and professor of political science at Willamette university, was speaking on the necessity of rewriting the Oregon Constitution. He indicated that the voters cannot instruct the Constitutional convention as to the specific laws that should be included from the existing constitution.

International Relations Hurt

He commented on the civil rights bill which is now before the legislators of Oregon, SB 169, in reply to an invitation from Richard Moeller, president of the union and chairman of the conference.

In pointing to the necessity for the passage of a civil rights bill in Oregon, Hatfield said that racial discrimination is a breeding ground for communism and a deterrent in better international relations.

There were 47 organizations represented at the conference. Representatives of the Portland branch of the National Association for the Advancement of Colored People were Miss Ruth Haefner and J. Harold Jones II.



JULIUS A. THOMAS
Two problems licked

J. Thomas Addresses Local UL

Julius A. Thomas, director of industrial relations for the National Urban league, told the Urban league of Portland Thursday night at their meeting in the YWCA that "we have licked two of our toughest problems."

Thomas stated that the first problem was the idea that Negroes and whites could not be placed at the same job level without creating race trouble. The second problem licked had to do with the idea that skill and race are related.

Thomas reported that the National Urban league's commerce and industry council has done much to improve the lot of Negro workers. This council works on the people who make policy in industry. The council listed 30 men, a cross section of industry, and business, and went to work on them.

At first it wasn't too easy, for the businessmen didn't want to associate themselves with the Urban league. But finally the council got these businessmen to agree that this is a national, not a Negro problem.

Thomas said that now the Urban league is doing day-to-day programming with some 150 major corporations, making studies of plant management. He warned that Utopia for the Negro worker is not just around the corner and that no one can estimate the effect which could arise if defense spending is cut back.

He stated that with all the technological advances being made the Negro does not have the technical knowledge needed in industry today. To illustrate his point he said that out of the 26,000 engineers who will be graduated from colleges and universities this June, only 110 will be Negroes. On the sunnier side he said that Kentucky graduated a Negro, the first to get a degree from an accredited engineering school in the south.

Illness Fatal To 'Sneaky Pete'

Richard Davis, 55, died suddenly at his home, 212 NE Russell, March 8. The cause of death was undetermined.

Familiar to friends as the happy-go-lucky fellow always ready with an act to make someone laugh and known more readily as "Sneaky Pete," Davis came home Saturday evening, March 7, and complained of a severe headache to his next door neighbor, James Brown, 218 NE Russell street.

When Ester Gibbs, a roomer at 212 NE Russell street, returned home early Sunday morning, she found Davis in bed in a coma. He was taken to Emanuel hospital where he was dead on arrival.

Late Bulletin!

Committee hearing on the civil rights bill will be held Tuesday, it was announced Thursday morning by Edwin Berry.

All interested persons are sincerely urged to write letters to members of the house now.

"You heard her, only to go." Ignoring the intruder, Webb attempted to continue his conversation with the woman, inquiring as to why he and Patterson were refused service, but the man walked toward him and demanded his identity.

Webb said he gave the man one of his business cards, but when he attempted to get a better look at the badge the man replaced it in his pocket and refused to identify himself.

The unidentified man asked Webb and Patterson if they were from the Urban league and continued to take the conversation from the barmaid. When he again started toward the two they left the tavern without seeing the manager as to the reason they were denied service.

Phone Call Made

Webb claims that he and his companion talked in front of the tavern for about ten minutes. The call to his home came at 10:40 the same night and, according to Webb, no one in the tavern knew of his identity except the fellow who took his card.

The following day the incident

was reported to Capt. Eugene Ferguson of the police department and Webb was told to return within a week to see what disposition had been made of his complaint.

On returning to the police station a week later, Webb was told by Capt. Ferguson that they had located the man that interfered in his conversation with the woman at the tavern and that he was a detective on the Portland police force, alleges Webb, but said the detective denied making the phone call.

Webb Puzzled

Webb says that he was told the incident had been placed in the personal records of the police officer involved and that the officer had been reprimanded. Webb said the captain also mentioned that the same officer had been involved in a similar incident last fall.

Webb accepted the captain's apparent investigation of the case but is at a loss to understand the actions of the detective, actions not normally expected in the true line of duty, in handling such an incident.

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